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l'UBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. Hongkong, 11th February, 1907.

OLD HARBOUR OFFICE, DES VŒUX ROAD CENTRAL. p.

CEALED TENDERS will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until Noon of THURSDAY, the 28th instant, for the * In the event of the passenger leaving the Mail Steamer at Naples, Genoa or Gibraltar and LETTING OF THE OLD HARBOUR OFFICE, from the 15th March, 1907, to the 15th March, 1908, subject to the conditions published in the Government Gazette (Notification No. 94 of 8th February, 1907.

Each tender should bear on the cover the words. "TENDER FOR LEASE OF OLD- HAR-BOUR OFFICE."

The Government does not hind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

Forms of tenders and further particulars can e obtained from the Public Works Depart-W. CHATHAM, Director of Public Works,

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Clo Hongkong Telegraph. Hongkong, 5th February, 1907. [201

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which may certainly rank with, if not take precadence of, many of the discoveries of our day, about which no little estentiation and noise have been made, and the extensive and ever-increasing demand that has been created for this medicine wherever introduced appears to prove that it is destined to cast into oblivion all those questionable temedies that were formerly the sole reliance of medical men. Therapion may be obtained of the principal chemists and merchants throughout the world.—Diamend Fields Advertises, Kimbertary, Sold by all Chemists,

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Mongkong, 31st January, 1907.

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NOTICE.

Mr RACHIRAM, who was acting as our Manager for some time, has from the 17th October. 1906, severed his connection with us, and the firm will not hold itself RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DEBTS incurred by him hereafter or before.

K. A. J. CHOTIRMALL

Hongkong, 8th February, 1907.

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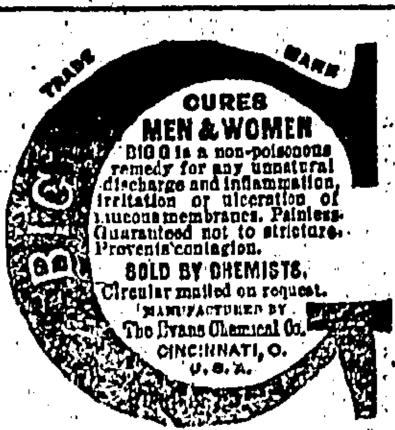
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Hongkong, sand April, 1802.

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HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TWENTY SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHARE-HOLDERS will be held as the Offices of the General Managers, at 11.30 A.M., on MON-DAY, 18th February, to receive a Statement of the Company's Accounts to 31st December,

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 18th February, both days inclusive,

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. General Managers. Hongkong, and February, 1907,

THE SHIU ON STEAMSHIP COMPANY,

LIMITED.

OTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY will be held at the Company's Registered Office No. 8, Queen's Road West, Victoria, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 9th day of the 1st Moon of the 33rd year of Kwong Sui (the 21st day of February, 1907), at 120 clock noon, when the subjoined Resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 5th day of February, 1907, will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions:-

1.- That the capital of the Company be in creased from \$150,000 to \$350,000 by the issue of 5,000 fully paid up new shares of \$20 each ranking for dividend, voting power and in all other respects pari passu with the existing shares of the Company

2.- That such new shares be offered in th first instance to the persons who on the 19th day of February, 1907, shall be the registered sharehold rs of the Company in the proportion of 'one new share for every old share held by their and that such offer be made by notice specifying the number of shares which each such registered shareholder shall be entitled to take up and limiting the time within which the offer if not accepted by payment of the full amount of \$20 per share will be deemed to be declined and that the Directors be empowered to dispose of the shares not taken in response to such offer as they consider expedient in the interests of the Company.

By Order of the Board. CHAU CHEUK FAN. Manager,

Shiu On Steamship Co., Ltd Hongkong, 5th February, 1907.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK

COMPANY, LIMITED. NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held it the Offices of the Company, Queen's Buildings, New Prays, on MONDAY, the 25th February, 1957, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose o receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December

The TRANSFER BOOKs of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 25th February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

THOS. I. ROSE. Secretary

Hongkong, 1st February 1907.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the undersigned at II A.M., on THURSDAY, the 7th March. .The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the stat inst, to the 7t proximo, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers, Hongkong Fire Insurance Company,

Limited. A. Song arth February, 1967

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED:

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND at the rate of \$1.00 per Share, declared at the Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting of Shareholders, held this day, will be payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on and after TUESUAY, the 12th February, 1907.

Shareholders are requested to apply to the Office of the Company for Warrants. By Order of the Board of Directors,

W. E. CLARKE,

Hongkong, 12th February, 1907



sought in a medicine of the kind, and surpasses every-THERAPION NO. I in a reably short time, often a few days only, removes all discharges, effectually superseding injections, the use of which does irreparable harm by laying the foundation of stricture and other serious diseases. In dysentery, plies, irritation of the lower bowel, cough, brouchitis, asthum, and some of the more trying complaints of this kind, is will be found astonishingly efficacious, affording prompt relief where other well-tried remedies have been powerless.

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Bliss of bane, in the months to come, Birds shall sing, and the brown bees hum Flower shall glimmer to dew and light, Larks soar up to the lone cloud's height. Grass shall wave, and the stream flow free As the sop in the tree,

Bliss or bane—let them come in turn! May shall woo the unfolding fern, Set her bluebells to mutch the skies, Glint the wings of the dragonflies. Daffodils shall dance in the sun-When Spring's begun,

Bliss or bane, as the weeks go past, Shall I wail that the year flies fist? Lot the niggardly count their pence-Beauty alone is permanence; She with treasures for sviry clime

To the end of time !

-Pail Mall Gusette. JAPAN'S NATIONAL ASPIRATIONS. So much twaddle has found lodgment on the

editorial pages of American newspapers on the subject of Japan, and Japan's supposed hostile for. "Use it freely and confidently for Anemia" intentions towards the United States, it is realrefreshing to find once in a great while a bi of editorial sanity on the aims and aspirations of the people of Nippon. Such, for instance, is an editorial which recently appeared in New York Sun on "Japan's Real Objective," which is "complete assimilation of Korea" and the "gradual acquisition of ascendency over the unwarlike Chinese throughout Manchuris from the Amurriver to the Great Wall," according to the Sun's view.

That is certainly a much more rational programme, and one more in harmony with the fine quality of Japanese patriotism and eminent good sense, than the mooted assault upon the Pacific coast, or even the suggested effort to wrest the Philippines from the United States, Japan swept Russia from the Pacific. That question was settled in the Sea of Japan. Japan's great struggle in the future will be to keep Russia from plundering her way down to the sea again, and the best and only way of accomplishing this purpose is to exploit Korea and Manchuria. Japan fully realizes this.

Japan's growth would be naturally toward the break in the line which had once restricted her national aspirations; the horizon would be hammered out until the mikado's domain included the just territorial prizes of the war. This, of course, would mean the complete ascendency of Japan in Korea and Manchuria, every inch of which territory was, in one fashion and another, rescued from Russian dominance and pillage by the pluck and prowess of the

The direction of japanese expansion was a matter of fact, fully and finally determined by the Japanese' soldiers who chased Kuropatkin out of Manchurin; by the miners and sappers who moled Stocasel out of Port Arthur, and by Togo's tact and daring on the Sea of Japan when he made junk of Rojestvensky's fleet and consigned Nebogatoff and his aids to the block, for these events opened the way for a [182. treal and substantial development of a Japanese nationality of imperial proportions.

Thus, but for the strong national sentiment centred in the retaking of Port Arthur, a prize of war unfairly wrung from Japan on another occasion, perhaps Japan's growth would have been along different lines. It might have been toward the I hilippines and other island groups to the south. But no matter what might have happened, Japan's growth, following a perfectly legical line, a line opened as the result of honourable conflict, is in the other direction, with an agreeable soil and climate, and the character, history and sentiments of the population all favouring comparatively easy assimilation. Japan's power for good is in the world; but Japan's empire is in Asia.—Ex.

A PARISIAN SENSATION.

Paris, Dec. 24.

A terrible accusation has been brought against a midwife living in the Rue Tiquetinne She is charged with performing illegal operations, but behind this is the appalling suspicion that she has been for over a year in the habit of cremating infants' bodies in a large stove which stands in her operating-room.

The affair came to light quite by chance, and in the following menner. A stockbroker of the Rue de la Bourse recently lodged a complaint with M. Labat, police commissary of the Vivience quarter, against a bank employe for theft. Detectives were set to watch the employe and his mistress, and the latter was seen to visit the midwife, and some time after to leave the house in the ue liquitions in circumstances which appeared very mysterious. While the midwife was out the servant was questioned by the police, and the confession was wrung from her that her mistress performel some ten or dozen operations a month, While the police were searching the spartment a young lady called to see the midwife, and in her consternation confessed the Objec

of her visit; The commissary of police has 'reason' to believe that over 100 patients were treated by the midwife in the course of the year, but no babies were ever seen to leave her apartment. Whether the commissary possesses any ground stronger than suspicion as to the usbite which the stove was put is not certain.

The prisoner's son, who is performing his military service, protests against the charges brought against his mother, but admits that he knows nothing about bermethods.

A doctor who was in professional relation with the midwife states that he' has acted as medical man to her putient, and members of her family, but that he can in no way guarantee her morality.

The prisoner is said to have received from LB to Lis for operating, but she kept no

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DONE BY TRYING.

Nobody can tell what he can do till he trick When a thing ought to be done the modern spirit moves us to keep working away at il until it is done. In the face of this idea the impossible "vanishes. Where there's a will: there's a way. " If we could but sob cod liver oil of its sickening taste and smell and then combine it with two or three other ingredients we should possess the best remedy in the world for certain diseases that are now practically incurable." So said a famous English physiclan twenty-five years ago. "But it will never be done," he added. "You"can no more turn cod liver oil into a pleasant palatable medicine, than you can turn the Codfish itself into a Bird of Paradise." Yet he lived to admit that in WAMPOLE'S PREPARATION

the "impostible" had been accomplished. It is palatable as honey and contains all the nutritive and curative properties of Pare Cod Liver Oil, extracted by us from fresh cod livers, combined with the Compound Syrup of Hypophosphites, Extracts of Malt and Wild Cherry. This remedy is freed from the bad peculiarities Dr. Frothingham so detested, and it is precisely the splendid medicine he wished Hysteria, Wasting Complaints, Blood Implinities, Asthme, and Throat and Lung Troubles, Dr. W. H. B. Aikins, F. R. C. P., London,-M. D. C. M., Victoria University,-M. Toronto University,-Consulting . Physician Home for Incurables, Physician to Toronto Géneral Hospital, says: "I am much pleased to state that the results from using Wampole's Preparation of Cod Liver Oil have been uniformly satisfactory; it appealed to me as being prepared according to correct scientific principles." It increases the appetite and influences the digestion of food; it is delicious to take, will not disappoint you and is effective from the first dose. "It represents the dawn of progress." At chemists everywhere.

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'MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE STEAMSHIP "LOTHIAN," FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND STRAITS.

ONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informe that all Goods are being landed at the risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd. at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves

No Claims will be admitted after the Good have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 20th instant will bei to rent

delivery may be obtained.

All Claims against the Steamer must be pre-sented to the Undersigned on or before the 28th instant, or they will not be recognized. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods at to be left in the Godowns, where they will b

examined on the 20th instant, at 11 A.M. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL & Co., LIMITED,

Hongkong, 14th February, 1907.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL, LINE NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES,

THE Steamship

"DRINCESS ALICE,"

alidior extra hazardous Goddiens of the House informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazard ous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon What and Godown

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 20th instant, will be ing undelivered after the 14th February, will be subject to rent.

All broken chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 20th instant,at 9.30 A.M. :#All Claims must reagh-us-before the 35th ins ant, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned,

MELCHERS & Co. Agents, 1 Hongkong, 15th February, 1907,

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD?

Consignees.

INDO-CHINA STRAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND

SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"KUMSANG"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 P.M., the 15th inst, will be innded at Consignoss' risk and expense. No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

General Managers. Hongkeng, 11th February, 1907.

ORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BRRMEN. IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE:

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"SACHSEN" having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Com-

pany, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before SATUR-

DAY, the 9th February, at 5 P.M. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 15th February, will be subject to rent.

to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 15th February, at 9.30 A.M. All Claims must reach us before the sand February, or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance will be effected.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Judersigned. NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYDM

MELCHERS & Co. Horokong, oth February, 1907.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

THE H. A. L. Steamship

"SCA'NDIA." Captain Dohren, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate de-

livery of their goods from alongside; Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before TO.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godown's of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense,

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining

undelivered after the 15th instant, will be All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be

examined on the 15th inst., at 3 P.M. No Fire Insurance has been effected. HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE

Hongkong Office.

Howeleng Eth February, 1907. "BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. S.S. "BENCLEUCH,"

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS. ONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be:

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods: have left the Godowns, and all Goods undelivered after the 14th instant, will be subject

All Claims against the Steamer must be pre-21st inst., or they will not be recognized. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be

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PLAGUE IN BANGKUK.

Bangkok as a rule enjoys comparative immunity from plague, although it is usually more or less afflicted at this season of the year by g visitation of cholera, and other diseases caused by the lack of a domestic water supply. That the capital of Siam should have escaped the trouble which in the hot season is common throughout the Far East has been matter of surprise to those who have any knowledge of the insanitary conditions prevailing in Bangkok. This year, however, there has been a serious epidemic of plague and at the present time there is no evidence that it has been stamped out or that adequate repressive measures are being adopted to check the disease. The fact that the saniprimitive description is not calculated to appreciate it from that point of view. afford consolation to the ports which are in direct communication with Bangkok, and are therefore liable to import the disease. As a matter of fact, from latest accounts the epidemic is spreading into the interior where nothing or almost nothing can be done to I stay its ravages. It has been shown that the Siamese people have a fatalistic turn of mind which leads them to view the increasing death-roll with a calmness amounting to equanimity. When cholera is at its height in the dry season, the natives persist in drinking the brackish waters of the Menam, in direct opposition to the advice of those in authority. They are told what the results are likely to be, but whether it is due to ignorance or apathy they continus the practice and suffer accordingly. Cholera was an accepted fact, which could pot be denied, and they were far peace for six months.

dence. But plague is practically, a now feature which appears to be exercising the natives mainly on account of its povelty. The Bangkok Times in discussing the matter observes that:- "Plague follows a pretty well defined course when once it has established itself in any big town, and the prospect, not of sporadic cases; but of serious epidemics for some years in the future, is not a pleasant one. If that prospect is realised it will raise not a few difficult problems that the authorities will have to be prepared to deal with. But we. fancy a serious increase of plague cases means more than that. It means that the question of the sanitation of Bangkok will essential sanitary rules will have to be enforced as in other towns under proper administration, and money-will have to be found for the water supply and other necessary works. Only necessity perhaps could force the matter forward at present, but with plague in the country public health becomes a matter of the first importance, This has not been recognised yet, however, for even the elementary Act making registration of death compulsory is still on the shelf." That is rather plain speaking on the part of a newspaper, which bears a semi-official standing in Siam, but it does not come too early. Here is a country, which pretends to be in the forefront of civilisation, as the word is understood in the East, which does not employ the most elementary forms of sanitation, has no idea of inaugurating a water supply system and gives little or no thought to the eradication of endemic diseases. the introduction of plague induces the authorities to give another thought to the essentials of health and the principles, of hygiene it will not have proved an unmitigated evil. But is Hongkong giving attention to the outbreak in Bangkok? There is a very considerable trade between, that port and this Colony, a trade which will increase as the rice crop is milled, and unless steps are taken to preserve the community from a premature epidemic derived through the agency of travellers from Bangkok, the work of the past few years will have

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of greatly diminishing the death returns due

to bubonic plague.

been in vain. It is not desirable that the

precautions should be of such a nature as to

conflict with actual trade requirements but

IT was announced at the Magistracy this morning that during the race meeting the Police Court will sit at 8 a.m., instead of at 9.45 as is customaty.

IT is notified that the next fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board will be held on Monday. 18th inst., instead of Tuesday, 19th idem, at 4.15 pm. The business to come before the Board at this meeting is of quite minor im-

MR. Charles M. Alexander will conduct the regular weekly meeting of the Hongkons Christian Union on Monday afternoon, the 18th, at 5.30. The meeting will be held as usual at the European Y.M.C.A., Alexandra Building, and the public are cordially invited.

A HONOLULU despatch of 4th inst. says :-- J. M. Riggs, one of the sons-in-law of the late Chan Afong, who went to China in the interest of some of the heirs, to learn what chance there was to get some of the millions Afong, is reputed to have made after his return to China thirteen years ago, got back by the Coptic. is understood that his mission was fruitless, though he will say little about it.

THE 600,000 pounds of flour purchased by the American National Red Cross Society for China was shipped on the Coplic and consigned to the United States Consul-General at Shanghaj. Major Charles R. Krauthoff was commissioned by the Society to do the purchasing, and he received bids from the various milling companies about the Coast. The Sperry Flour Company was awarded the bid, and the inspectors have been detailed to Stockton for examination of the flour and oversee its general condition for shipping. The quality of this flour is said to be far superior to any that the Chinese have ever used or seen, and there tary arrangements of the city are of the most is some doubt as to their being able fully to

CHUI PUI, a tea house coolie, of No. 59, Elgin Street, was arraigned before Mr. C. A. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this morning, on a charge of ill-treating a dog yesterday. The owner of the dog; a private ricksha coolie. who was the means of having the defendant arrested, did not put in an appearance when the case was called on to-day. The defendant, however, admitted being guilty of the offence. About eight o'clock last evening the ricksha coolie accompanied by his dog-a choweffered the tea house. While his master was drinking a cup of tea the dog found its way into the kitchen where accused was engaged in. washing his face. According to accused's own statement as soon as he saw the dog he poured some hot water on it in order to drive it away. The dog's whinings were heard by his master, who, on seeing the condition of the animal, gave accused in charge. His Worship bound defendant over in the sum of \$50 to keep the

from attempting to defeat the ends of Provi- T. THE construction of the first-class atmoured cruiser, to be named Karama, now being built at Yokosuka, is progressing apace. The deck is now being placed in position, and it is expected that the cruiser will be launched about the middle of April next.

NOTWITHSTANDING the number of previous convictions that have been recorded recently against the Peak night soil coolies for dump-, ling the contents of their buckets on the hillside and in drains, there does not appear to be any abatement of the nuisance and unless some stringent step, other than a fine, is taken against the contractor one cannot see how the matter can be stopped, Nai Shun, one of these coolies, of No. 9, Upper Lascar Row, admitted before Mr. F. H. Hazeland, at the Police Court, this morning, that at five o'clock this morning, become one of practical politics. The he lightened his buckets in a drain near No. 122, Plantation Road. He was fined \$15.

> IT is stated that the proposal to establish a race-course near Kobe, which is being put forward by a Syndicate with which several foreigners are said to be connected, is making satisfactory progress. It has been decided that the capital shall be Y.500,000, in shares of Y.100 each, and a site covering an area 180,000 tsubo has been selected at Naruo village, Muko district. It is intended that races shall be held twice yearly, in April and October, "According to the present plans, stands to accommodate about 2,400 people are to be crected. There will also be a specia stand for members of the Imperial family.

LAST month Messenger No. 1634 of the Postal Telegraph' Company, New York, the World says, found an envelope containing \$7,000 in gold notes and \$60,000 in cheques and drafts lying on the sidewalk at the corner of Broad and Wall streets, where J. Pierpont Morgan's office is located. It belonged to Morgan and the boy took it into the office. On Jan. 11 he received this note: "Dear Sir-In reward for your honesty. I take great pleasure in handing you \$2, with the compliments of the firm: Cashier, J. P. Morgan & Co." The boy returned the \$2 with a note, saying: "Take this back, and tell Mr. Morgan to get a shave with it."

"WANTONLY and cruelly ill-treating a pig," was the charge against Hu Luk, a catt's dealer, at the Police Court, this morning. Police Sergeant Aris, of Kennedy Town Police Station, who made the arrest, spoke as to seeing the accused carrying a sucking pig by the ears yesterday afternoon. Accused was going in the direction of the slaughter house, and lacs. the squealing of the pig could be heard a long way off. Accused made no attempt to deny they should certainly ensure the safety of the the charge. The pig had to be taken to the public of this Colony. In these circum- slaughter house, It was young and frisky! Try stances, we trust that the Sanitary Depart- how he would be could not get hold of its legs; ment will take the matter in hand and so the easiest way then was by its ears and he continue the work which has had the effect did so, he said. A fine of \$2 was imposed.

THE COPPER MINE RIOTS.

SERIOUS DEVELOPMENT TROOPS CALLED OUT.

According to the latest news the Ashio With regard to the Sterling Reserve Fund, copper mine riot has developed into a very: it remains unchanged. As you are aware require the services of the troops to restore £1,000,000 in Gold as a set off against our ofder. It appears that the strikers who rer Silver Capital of \$10,000,000 so that the Bank mained quiet on Tuesday night, resumed their | might virtually have two Capitals, one in Silver disorderly tactics on Wednesday morning, when the workers in the Notoyama and Ariki pits were relieved. About 800 men who were to relieve the shift raided the Motoyama pit office, smashed the windows, carried out chairs and other furniture, and then set fire to them. The office staff, according to a vernacular paper, "all fled." The strikers £1,056,000." then attacked the warehouses and specimen rooms, with a continual shower of stones. They also carried away all the provisions from the store-house, and ate their fill when they

felt inclined. The strikers then formed into two bodies. one party proceeding to attack the store department office, where they wrought complete destruction, while the other party attacked the the value of money in England and the Conresidence of Mr. Minami, head of the mine. practically destroying the house, and burning | diately followed by great stringency and high all the furniture. The strikers seized Mr. Minami, and severely assaulted him. A policesergeant who came to his assistance was also period of three months; on the 17th January, assaulted, being badly cut about the head.

The strikers then made their way to the ore selection house, and having sprinkled kerosene around the building, set it on fire. Police officials came upon the scene, and succeeded in extifiguishing the fire before much damage was done. The strikers were again peaceful at 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday, when this dispatch was sent out, but the bridge on the road to the Motoyama pit was closed by the police to prevent more men going to the scene of the disturbince.

Still later information states that the strikers. who attacked the house of Mr. Minami and the bre selection, houses, crossed the bridge near the Motoyama pit above referred to at about half past two on Wednesday afternoon. and made their way to the Shimonoseki mining office, which was completely destroyed by 6 freely partook of a quantity of sale which was kept there. Under the influence of the drink, they set fire to the store-room, which was still burning at the time this later dispatch was forattending to the injured men, a Red Cross flag being hoisted as a precaution against attack. Minami Sukematsu and five other leaders of

the Shiseikai have been arrested on a charge of causing disorderly crowds to assemble.. The news of the arrest of their leaders has, however, inflamed the strikers more than ever, and they. were preparing to attack the police-station by night. The dispatch states that the police officials were prepared to retreat in the event of attack: A party of several hundred strikers were preparing to attack the police reinforcements, who were expected from Nikko, at the Hoso o mountain pass.

A report has reached Ashlo stating that's company of troops had been dispatched from the Takasaki Fegiment for the suppression of the disturbance, and that a force of police drawn from all the police-stations in Tochig Prefecture had been ordered to proceed to the mine,-- Johan Chronicis.

HUNGKUNG, AND SHANGHAY BANKING CORPINALLON

ANNUAL MEETING!

The ordinary half-yearly meeting of the shareholders in the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation was held at the City Hall, at moon to-day, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Court of Directors together with a statement of accounts to 31st December, 1906. There were present :- Mr. A. Haupt (in the chair), Mr. G. Balloch, Hon, Mr. W. J. Gresson, Messrs. E. Goetz, C. R. Lenzmann, G. H. Medburst, D. M. Nissim, A. J. Raymond, H. E. Tomkins, R. Shewan, N. A. Siebs, directors), J. R. M. Smith (chief manager), S. Hancock, J. C. Peter, H. E. R. Hunter, C. W. May, Henry Humphreys, D. D. Guzdar, Ur.] W. Noble, A. G. Morriss, J. Orange, E. S. Kadoorie, W. H. Wickham, Hol Fook, Lo Choung Shiu, Choung Pui Kai, Ho Kom Tong, J. J. Leiria, W. H. Potts, J. M. S. Alves, Barton, R. R. Hynd, B. Layton, A. G. Wood, Capt. W. E. Clarke, Messrs. G. de Champeaux, Henry Goedecker, P. C. Potts, G. C. C. Master, A. Findlay Smith, A. C. Hynes, W. A. Cruickshank, H. Percy Smith, O. von der Heyde, Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewett, Messrs. F. B. Marshall Duncan Anderson, J. Barton, E. G. Barrett

The Chief Manager having read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said :- Gentlemen,-Your Directors have again the pleasure to lay before you a half-yearly report which I am sure you will consider satisfactory.

We are glad to be able to recommend a Dividend of £1, 15/- and a Bonus of £1 per share in addition.

We also propose to add \$750,000, to the Silver Reserve Fund and to carry forward the balance of \$1,721,558.90., I hope you will approve of this distribution.

lurning to the accounts our figures showcomparatively little change. With the further rise in exchange it will be observed that the Silver equivalents of our Gold totals are again lower, but as these totals are taken into consideration in the working of the Bank's commitments in Gold and Silver, the shrinkage in the Silver equivalents does not affect, from a profit and loss point of view, the value at which they stand in our books. Apart from this there is very little change in either our Gold or Silver Deposits. Our Note Circulation is higher, as usual with the approach of the Chinese New Year settlement, and Bills Payable also show an increase, to extent of \$361

On the other side of the Balance Sheet out Cash and Bullion in hand and in Transit are about \$11 lacs higher.

Indian Government Rupee Paper is onl changed in its Silver equivalents. Console, Colonial and other securities are likewise affected by exchange: but also show a small reduction compared with last half year. Our holdings under this heading are liable to vary from time to time and it was considered advisable to realize some of the stocks in view of the condition of the home money markets to which I shall refer later.

serious disturbance and of such a nature as to was formed with the object of holding and one in Gold, and the Sterling Reserve with the Investments held against it, we entered at the nominal exchange of 2/2 on both sides of our Balance Sheet: the entries still appear in our accounts in tha form. I may mention the present market value of the securities representing the £1,000,000 is

Exchange Banking in China during the past six, months has not been without its difficulties. Silver ranged in price from 29 13/16 to 33%. and stood at 32 5/16 on 31st. December as against 30 3/16 on 30th June. Its course was marked by extreme and rapidly recurring fluctuations making for unstability in Exchange. A sharp and appreciable advance in tinent took place in October and was immerates in India. The Bank of England rate remained at 6% for the exceptionally long 1907, it was reduced to 5%, but this high level is still maintained and very dear money also prevalls in India.

In China the reverse has been the case. money being exceptionally easy and plentiful but business in this Colony suffered severely from the disastrous typhoon of the 18th September, which brought in its train a deplorable loss of life and caused great damage to vessels and cargo in the harbour and for a time seriously inconvenienced and disorganized our shipping upon which the welfare of Hongkong: so largely depends.

The course of Exchange directly affects our trade and the price of money in financial centres affects commercial transactions general. the probable demand, contracted heavily p'm. The rioters looted the store room and, during the year for Yarn on a low silver | we are all sorry to lose him, I have much pleabasis 10 find an already dull market further depressed by lower prices in India and the rise in Exchange in China, with warded. The medical officer at Motoyama was the result that many failed to meet their engagements and unsold stocks were largely increated. New Dealers are coming into the market and we may hope they will be more careful than their predecessors in discounting directors. the future of markets and Exchange.

Shanghai and the North are also carrying heavy stocks of Yarn and Piecegoods but busipess there is principally done on a sterling basis and Dealers have fortunately not commilled themselves to any great extent to low exchange settlements, Cotton has also helped them by continuing a steady market, and goods on the spot cannot be replaced at the equivalent of local prices. Buyers appear to recognise this fact, and we are now able to record a greatly improved movement: cargo is already going more freely to Man. Chairman, before we separate I would like to

the opening of the ice-bound ports next mouth the attention they have given to our affairs. will see a more active demand, considerably during the past twelve mostle, and, Sir. I think reducing stocks. Better trade in the North | Lum voicing the feelings of other shareholders will no doubt be reflected here to some extent and with the assistance of moderately good Rice crops, which we can at least hope for, we should find better times aboad than we are leaving behind us.

As regards Japan, great activity has prevailed there since the close of the war resulting in a large increase in the volume of the trade

both in exports and imports. India, where we have important Branches, has produced abundant crops commanding record prices, especially so in the case of ute, and, in consequence, that Country has been a very large buyer of Silver for currency purposes in addition to the usual requirements of the Native Bazaar.

Gentlemen, we see a sound and satisfactory expansion of our business at all points, which speaks for the continued efficiency of our Managers and Staff generally and I am sure you will approve of our having again voted them a bonus of 15% on their salaries. (Applause)

Our esteemed Chief Manager, Mr. J. R. M. Smith, returned from a well-deserved holiday a few weeks ago and Mr. H. E. R. Hunter, whose management at the Head Office during Mr. Smith's absence has given every; satisfaction to your Board, will resume charge of our Shanghai Branch at an early date. (Applause.)

As stated in the Report your of irectors have carefully considered the desirability of increasing the Bank's Capital and are unanimously of opinion that the time to do so has now arrived. Since the Capital was last increased in 1890 our business has kept pace with the expansion of Eastern trade, and we are satisfied that remunerative employment will be found for increased resources. Whatever political changes may be in store for China there can be little doubt that the ultimate outcome will be a wider field for the operation of foreign capital and a consider-

able increase in oversea trade. We propose to increase the capital from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 and the necessary steps have been taken to get our Ordinance amended to allow of the proposed increase, It due course a special circular will be sent to Shareholders and an Extraordinary-Meeting will be called, when the resolutions necessary to obtain your sanction to the scheme will be put before you.

Our large but necessary Reserve Funds have been built up with the consent of Shareholders, freely given. This fact has been borne in mine when recommending that the price of the new shares be fixed at £30 per share-a price which confers on Shareholders a substantial bonus and at the same time allows for an appreciable

addition to our Reserves. These proposals will, we trust, meet with your approval, and I hope the increased resource will bring increasing influence and prosperity to the l'ank.

In conclusion, I am glad to say that a good start has been made for the new half year. Before moving the adoption of the Report and Accounts I shall be pleased to answer any

questions that may be asked. (Applause.) There being no questions, the Chairman moved the adoption of the report and ac-

Mr. Henry Humphreys said :-- Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,-it is gratifying to us a l to receive again a dividend of £1.15 per share and a bonus of Lt and this, after strengthening the Bank's position by the addition of \$750,000 to the reserve fund. You have referred, Mr. Chairman, to the difficulties Exchange Banks have had to contend with during the past six months; we can therefore congratulate ourselves the more that our directors, managers and staff have, notwithstanding, been able to give such good results and tell us that the presont half-year has bigun well. (Applause.) Our thanks are due to them for this good work and

I am sure we'all approve of the bonus voted by the Board to the staff. (Applause.) It will be welcome news to shareholders to fearn that the management has decided to. increase the capital of the Bank from ten million to fifteen million dollars and that the new scrip will be issued at the favourable rate of £30 per share. It must be just as welcome to the Bank's clients to know that the Bank upon which their welfaie so much de pends will be in a better position than ever to give them proper and reasonable facilities: for: trading. Before concluding, I should like to say that we are all very pleased to see our Chief Manager, Mr. J. R. M. Smith, back again. (Applause) Many years ago it was my father's pleasing duty to welcome Mr. Jackson new Sir Thus, Jackson, Bart., on his return to the Colony. He said on that occasion that Mr. Jacksob always brought sunshine with him Well, gentlemen, the sunshine came right conough and I think we may reasonably hope that Mr. Smith's return will likewise be coincident with better trade conditions and con-I tinued prosperity to the Hongkong Bank (Applause.) Our friends in the North will, ly. Locally, Chinese dealers, over-estimating am sure, be pleased to hear that Mr. Bunter i returning amongst them, and I am equally sure sure in seconding the adoption of the report

and accounts. (Applause.) The motion was unanimously carried. Mr. W. A. Cruickshank moved that the appointment of Mr. G. Ballock as a director be

confirmed and that Mr. A. Haupt, Mr. R. Shewan and Mr. A. J. Raymond be re-elected Mr. de Champeaux seconded.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Polis and Mr. A. G. Wood be re-elected andi-Mr. W. H. Wickham seconded. The motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. J. Orange proposed that Mr. W. hutton

The Chairman: That is all the business, gentlemen. I must thank you for your attendance. Dividend warrants will be ready on

Mr. F. H. Marshall, of Amoy, said :- Mr.

churis and there is good reason to expect that I propose a vote of thanks to the directors for when I say so long as the Board consists of representative business men of the Colony such as I are sitting around your table we can rest assured our interests will be fully protected and the Bank will continue to maintain the position it now enjoys in the world of finance here in the Far East and elsewhere, (Applause,) The meeting then ended.

MURDHROUS ASSAULT.

There are more things going on in the

RESULT OF NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS.

harbour amongst the floating population than are dreamt of in the casual observer's philosophy, and yet many strange, and even weird tales are periodically brought to light, the last scenes in the cramas, or, more generally, tragedier, being concted at the Magistracy, or in the Criminal Sessions Court. Murders for gain, murders through jealousy, murders for no conceivable rea on whatever-all have been chronicied in the columns of the local press, be ides many minor offences, such as coal-stealing, fishing with dynamite, and dumping of dead bodies. But it is rarely one hears of Europeans being attacked, while in their launches, or house-boats. But the record was broken this morning, and the murder of a European very narrowly averted. The facts as adduced were to the effect that while P. C. Berrie was in the police planuce at the typhoon anchorage at Causeway Bay, in the early hours of this morning, on his usual patrol duty and keeping an eye open for dead bodies, which are so commonly dumped in that vicinity, he heard piteous cries for help, in a woman's vo.ce,-and unmistakably a British voice. Constable lierr e immediately put his pinnace at full speed for the spot whence the cries proceeded, and found they came from the houseboat May, which was anchored in the Bay. Going on board the constable found Mr. and Mrs. l'epper, the owners of the houseboat, in a great state of excitement, while Mr. Pepper was bleeding from several wounds on his face. A Chinese meat chopper was lying at his feet on the deck, and at once a tragedy was scented. The coxewain of the boat was seated right aft, and had all the appearance of taking no interest in the proceedings, to which he was blandly indifferent. When their excitement calmed down, and Mr. and Mrs. l'epper were able to tell their story to the constable, the following tale" was unfolded. Mrs. Pepper first of all asked. the policeman to arrest the coxswain, and this was accordingly done, the man being ordered aboard the pinnace, where he was secured. Then Mrs. Pepper explained that her husband was a motor-boat owner, and used the houseboat a good deal. They employed two coxswains. and paid them very high wages, though they had but very little to do in return, and in every way treated them very well. On Tuesday the coxswain asked for three days' leave, to enable him to celebrate the Chinese New Year in a fitting and becoming manner, and this was at once accorded him, and he went off, leaving. the assistant, or second coxswain in charge Last night he returned to the houseboat in a condition verging on delirium tremens and went into his own quarters. This morning he went up to Mr. Pepper and demanded his wages-in-full-up to date, as he intended to leave at once. Mr. Pepper very naturally and very properly refused to accede to so preposterous a demand, telling him that a month's notice was necessary, and ordered the manito; get back to his quarters. The coxswain then sprang at Mr. Perper, and dug his long nails into his face and neck, causing the blood to flow. Mr. Pepper, to save his face from the poisonous nails of his asymilant, struck out and hit the latter in the abdd men, and they both fell together on to the deck. As it happened a chopper was lying near at hand, and this the coxswain got hold of, said was proceeding, so it was alleged, to ent the neck of his prostrate muster, when Mrs. Pepper, seeing the position of affairs. called out "Take care, he has got hold of the chopper," and then screamed for help. and it was those screams that brought Conse table Berrie on the scene Hearing his wife's. cry, Mr. Pepper overpowered the coxswain and knocked the chopper can of his hand, and the latter, evidently, noticing the approach of the police pinnace, but d att. and sal down, and made it appears that he was taking no part in the oi urbance forward. He was arrested, as already stated. This morning he was placed before Mr. P. A. Hazeland, at the Magistracy, and was bound over in the sum of \$200 to be of good behaviour for twelve months. It is alleged that since Mr. Pepper introduced his motor-boat for service in the harbour, there has been consis derable ill-feeling excited amongst the sampane folk against him, as they consider that he is cutting into their business, and on this account. it is further alleged, they have been instigating the coxswain to set fire to the houseboat May What truth there is in these allegations cannot as yet be determined, though the want of motive in the coxswain's brutal sunch would appear to lend a certain amount of colour at them. However that may be, the matter is under investigation in the right quarters.

SHIPPING AND MAILS.

MAILS DUE. Indian (Arratoon Apcar) 18th inst. Indian (Kutsang) 27th inst.

The Ben Line s.s. Benglos, from Antwerp and London, left Singapore yesterday for this

The Apear Co.'s a.s. Gregory Apear from Yokohama, Kobe and Moji may be expected here on 18th inst., at daylight.

-Tho N. Y. K. s.s. Kumane Mars. Anstralia Line, left Manila for this port on toth instal and is expected here on 18th inst. The Imperial German Mail a.s. Borneo left Sandakan on 12th inst., p.m., and may be expected here on 18th inst., a.m., -

The H. A. L. s.s. Brasilla from Hambare left Shangbai for this port on 15th inst. at 2 a.m., and may be expected here on asst linetal The N. Y. K. s.s. Shinano Maru America

cap Line, left Kobe via Moji and Shapeballor this port on 15th instant is expected here on

TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's.]

Collision of British Battleships. LONDON, 14th February.

The battleships Albermarle and Common wealth collided on the night of the zat inst., while proceeding at the rate of ra knots. Both ships have gone to Gibraltar for repairs. No one was injured.

Russia.

The elections in Russia leave scarcely any doubt that the opposition will have a substantial majority in the Duma.

The United States.

Mr. Root is preparing an amendment to the Emigration Bill excluding American Asiatics landing from the Philippines and Hawaii, from which Japanese labourers have hitherto reached America.

It is stated that the Japanese Ambassador has accepted the amendment.

The amendment to the Immigration Bill empowers the President to refuse to admit foreigners to the United States on passports to any country other than the United States. or her insular possessions, or the Canal zone, when the President is satisfied that the passports are being used to the detriment of American labour.

The Channel Command.

Admiral Lord Charles Beresford has declined to accept the Command of the Channel fleet if its strength is fixed at 14 battleships, 4 armoured and 3 unarmoured cruisers as proposed.

The Admiral will only undertake the de fence of Home waters with a fleet capable of performing the task, and trained under his own orders in time of peace.

The Suffragettes.

Right hundred suffragettes have twice attacked the Commons, and the conflict with the police lasted nearly six hours. 25 were arrested, including French's sister and Mrs. Deepard. Those arrested allege that they were treated in the most brutal manner by the police.

Great Britain and Japan.

The Times says that the visit of Prince Fushimi to England will give a welcome opportunity to all classes in Great Britain of proving that the sentiments of the whole nation towards Japan are unaltered.

General Kuropatkin's History of the War.

Reuter's Telegram Company, Limited, has published full extracts from General Kuropatkin's history of the Russo-Japanese war, which history was confiscated immediately it appeared in print. It is a dismal retrospect of muddle, disorganisation, and unpreparedness. Again and again the Generals flatly disobeyed orders, notably Generals Bilderling and Kaulbers, whom General Kuropatkin holds responsible for the Shaho and Mukden disasters respectively. The troops are described as lacking in warlike spirit, inexperienced, and in some cases untrustworthy. The disastrous dissensions and the jealousy among the high officers, and their early contempt for the enemy, changed later to an over-estimate of the Japanese. Instances are given of many officers leaving the firing line on the most flimsy pretexts, Yet it was asserted that, in spite of everything, the Russian army, when peace was signed, was keen and efficient and schooled to war, and that Russia, thanks to the development, of her armies, had gained the right to victory, but that lowing to political troubles at home, and the indifference of the nation to war, the morale to carry off victory was lacking.

DEATH OF CAPTAIN E. J. LIDDLE.

We regret to learn from the Japan Hernin that a telegram has been received at Yokohama announcing the death at the Helwan Sanatorium, near Cairo, Egypt, of Captain Emest J. Liddle, who was well known and much, liked at this port, says the Kobs Herald. Captain Liddle, who was only, thirty-six years of age, was for five years with the "Shire" line, finally as captain of the Pembrokeshir Bubsequently he was in Port Arthur on business for some time, and was in the fortress at the time of its bombardment by the Japanese at the commencement of the late war, when with other non-combatants he had to make a hurried departure from the two.

In April 1904 Captain Liddle joined the firm of Mesers. C. Nickel & Co., of this port, as marine superintendent but at the end of the same year he had an attack of pleurisy as the result of exposure in the harbour during a severe gale, and he was unable to recover his strength. In the Spring of last year, as it. was apparent that he had fallen a victim to consumption, he went to Colosrado on imedical advice, but returned to Yokohama last November in a very critical state of bealth. In 'ecember he consequently. left Robe for Egypt in the hope that the climate might afford him relief. Captain Liddle was married in July, 1904, to Violet Alice, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. [H. J. Neville, and leaves a little daughter. It is understood that Mrs. Liddle, with whom great sympathy will be reli, will return to Yokohama as soon as possible.

AMATHUR THEATRICALS "FACING THE MUSIC" A SUCCESS.

Although it could scarcely be said that the Theatre Royal was crowded last night, when the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club presented the comedy "Facing the Music" for the first time, it was comfortably filled with a highly appreciative audience, which included His Excellency Sir Matthew Nathan and large representation of the Army and Navy in Hongkong. It is somewhat difficult to classify "Facing the Music," which is the creation of Mr. J. H. Darnley, for it depends much more of the riotousness of the players—or the chief player, at least—than on its intrinsic merits. t belongs to that class of exaggerated and claborated farce which was at the height of its popularity a decade or more ago, and has lately gained new vitality by the success of American' productions of the "Why Smith left

"Facing the Music" obtains its fun from the coincidence that there are two John Smiths, residing in different flats, in Mona Mansions. One is a parson, a canting, old humbug who has just lately been married. The Other is also a married man, but taking advantage of his wife's absence he has been having a royal time "on his own." Out all night, he arrives in a dilapidated condition before breakfost in a.m. to be accurate-and doubtless, quite correctly describes the symptoms of an over-night's debauch to his guest Dick Desmond."

While he was in I eicester Square the previous evening he had an adventure of sorts, a lady having fallen fainting into his arms-Here we have a variety of innuendoes which probably will pass unnoticed by those who know nothing of the locality in question. The lady disappears, and so does his watch and chain and a pocket-book containing £200, won or the turk. It might be interpolated here that a very amusing scene occurs at the outset when the curate of St. Andrews, the Rev. John Smith, a demaly warns the housekeeper, Mrs. Ponting, to abjure horse-racing and to "have nothing on" when the milkman calls next time and would lead her astray by inducing her to back her fancy,

During the night when the Other John Smith slept out, having lost his way in a fog, a lady describing herself as Mrs. Smith has arrived and is located in his wife's bedroom. The lady who had fallen fainting in the Other's arms in Leicester ! quare comes to make her applogies . and hands over the pocket-book which mysteriously disappeared the previous night-she is an actress from the Bijou. By and by, the real Mrs. Smith appears, that is to say, the wife of the Other. One, and it is evident that the first Mrs. Smith is the wife of the curate, who, like most of his kind, is far more fortunate in matrimony than he deserves to be.

Any theatre-guer can tell what happens as the result of this mix up. . Of course all ends happily and explanations are the order of the day. One defect of the comedy is the ridiculous coric tragedy when the Other Mr. Smith goes mad over his household complications. The scene might be all very well in "King Lear, but it is absurd and puerile in "Facing the

In a play like this the great thing is to keep matters humming. Teaple are not given time consider probabilities or extraordinary coincidences; they are rushed from one, scene to another, immersed in blunders and complications till they hardly know where they are. The players are, consequently, continually on the move. The virility of Lt. Comm. Lloyd Thomas who took the part of the Other Mr. Smith admirably suite I him for the role. He dashed from one place to another, flung his guest hither and thither, threatened a detective with a poker and nearly brained the dainty wife of the curate, and showed that he had a fine stock of explotives. On the whole, he sustained with vigour and much ability the character of the districted husband, who is, apparently, being made the target of designing women. Mr. A. W. G. Watt represented the Curate of St Andrews, the Rev. John Smith. In the conventional way Mr. Watt made the curate stand with his finger-tips together and intone his remarks He nozed good advice and homilies at every pore. Although he had little to do, taken all in all, he shone when he had to do a steeple-chase round the room followed by the Other Mr. Smith, who believed him to be an international criminal known as Saintly Sam. 'Hisflying coattail were extremely picturesque. As Dick? Desmond, the guest of the bacchanalian Mr. Buith, Mr. ". C. Lethbridge was continually in view, but his principal requirement was to lau th at his host's escapades and predicaments and bear the blame of hig entanglements. Mr. Lethbridge was quite at home in his part. The haughty uncle, Colonel Duncau Smith, was impersonated by Mr. H. M. Kendall with a just appreciati n of the part. Bergeant Duffell was in cool, matter-of-fact hands when represented by Dr. J. W. Hartley. It was the stage

detective to the life, the one, that is to say, who | to is brimming over with self-confidence and assurance. With regard to the ladies, the curate's wife was a most fascinating personality | its as portrayed by Miss C. Shelton Hooper, whose charm and grace could not be gainsaid. While Mrs. Van der Wonde, who fancied herself the wronged or Other Mrs. Smith, was remarkably I se from stage affectation, and acted her role with extreme ability. Miss Marchant, as the actress from the Pijou, had not very much to do, but she is certainly to be commended for her representation. Finally Miss Lloyd Thomas, as Mrs. Ponting, was a capital specimen of the London housekeeper. Takenas n whole, the acting was quite satisfactory, and "Facing the Music" went with a vim and ru-h that kept the audience in the greatest good humour, a perpetual ripple of laughter passing over the theatre. The play is by no means the best that has been staged by the A.D.C., but its humour and joviality, its rough and tumble fun were appreclated in the most obvious fashion and it should certainly prove a draw. Praise is due Messre, R. Sutherland and John Robertson for their work in connection." with the production of the play, the former also being responsible for the scenery. The band of H.M.S. Monnouth discoursed inusic

during the intervals, which, it may be stated.

were yery short.

CUMMERCIAL

WEEKLY SHARE REPORT

Reviewing the share business for the week Messrs. E. S. Kadourie & Co. write on the 15th inst.: There has been very little business during the week, owing to the intervention the China New Year holidays, and with the exception of Banks, Unions, and Hongkong Fires there have not been any important changes to record.

Banks.-Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have dropped to \$900 at which rate sales have taken place, the market closing with buyers. The London quotation is £108.

Marine Insurances.—Unions have advanced to \$320 and are in demand. Cantons are offering at \$295. Fire Insurances .- China Fires have strength.

ened, and have been sold at \$100. Hongkong Fires have buyers at the advanced rate of \$380. Shipping.-Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats are quoted at \$30, ex the final dividend of \$1 per share paid on the 12th inst. Shell Transp rts bave further improved, and can be placed at 37/6..... Indos continue ne glected at quotation. The other shipping stocks

are unchanged. Refineries.- China Sugars have not fluctuated and are obtainable at \$129. . Mining.-There are no changes in stocks

under this heading. Docks, Wharves and Godowns -- Kowloon Wharfs are steady at \$95. Hongkong and Whampon Docks can be had at \$140. Shanghai Docks have buyers at Tls. 107 and Hongkew Wharfs at Tis. 235 for the old, and \$225 for the Dew shares.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings,-Hongkong Hotel have strengthened to \$123 at which rate shares have changed bands. Hongkong Lands are weaker at \$107. Humphreys Estates have been sold and are wanted at \$11.20 ex the

Internationals have improved to Tis. 64. Laou Kung Mows are weaker and are offering at Tis. 1321. A statement of the Company's accounts for the twelve months ending 31st December, 1906, is issued to shareholders. In accordance with the resolution, passed at the general meeting, the sum of Tls. 75,880,37 has been written off to depreciation account. Including the sum of Tls -30,760.42 brought forward from last account the net profits for the year amount to Tls. 146,555.70 which the directors recommend be apportioned in the following manner:-To pay a dividend of Tls. 8 per share, which will absorb Tls. 57,264. To allow for depreciation of mill buildings, reservoir and land improvements, machinery, north property Chinese houses, and furniture, the sur of Tls. 51,380.48. To allow 10 per cent. com mission for general managers, Tis. 0,441.48 and to carry forward the balance of Tls 31,463.74 to next year's account. Socy Chees have buyers at Tls. 360. In their report end ing December 31st, 1906, issued to share holders, the general manager states that the net profits for that period, including Tis 35,986 63 brought forward on 1st January, 1906, amount to Tls. 232,027.42 which it is proposed by the directors to be dealt with as follows: To pay a dividend Tis. 50 per share, absorbing 11s. 100,000. To write off for depreciation of machinery, furniture, and buildings, the total sum of Tla 47,653.2". To place Tls. 9,801.74 to legal re erve fund. To reduce the book value of Mil Stores a/c by Tls. 3,025. To grant to per cent of the net profits to the manager, and one month's salary to the Mill staff, as a bonus amounting to Tis. 20,878 and to carry forward the balance of Tls. 52,633.45 to 1957 account.

Miscellaneous -- Ices have changed hands et \$250 and are in demand. Sales of Green Island Cements have been effected at \$211. Hongkong Electrics have been parted with at \$151. angkals are strong at Tis. 2621. The report of the directors of this Company for the year ending 31st October, 1906, has been issued to shareholders. The profit and loss account after providing for the four interim dividends, equal to Tis 30 per share, paid to shareholders;

accounts, leaves a balance of Tls. 17,127.50. TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

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THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg. First Assistant of the Hongkoog Observatory: . On the 16th at 11. o a -The baronicter has risen over Japan, and fallen over the Loochoos

and the E. and S. coasts of China. The high pressure area remains over the Continent to the North of the Yangtre, and a depression appears to be forming to the R. of Formosa.

Strong N.E. and N. winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel, and fresh to moderate monsoon over the China Sea.

FORECAST.

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1.-Hongkong and neighbourhood, N.B. to R. winds, fresh; fair. 2.-Formosa Channel, N.E. winds, strong, 3 - South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamock, same as No. 1. 4.-South coast of China between Hongkong

A DOUBTHUL CASE.

LUKONG'S EXPERIENCE AT A TEA STALL A case which has created some doubt in the minds of those who were present at the hearing was that in which a Chinese detective, No. 247, charged Chaung King Mo, a fireman, of No. 75, Wellington Street, before Mr. C. A. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this morning, with stealing \$2 from him, this morning. Inspector Warnock watched the proceedings, on

behalf of the department.

At about seven o'clock this morning, the complainant said, he and another lukong whose name or number he did not give, baving finished duty and feeling very hungry went to a stall near the Central Market to have some cake and tea. While he was drinking his tea some person stepped on his feet, causing him to bond with pain. "What are you doing? Cap't you see where you are going? Why don't you walk straight?" complainant said he asked the clumsy individual. He was about to put some more questions to the man when of a sudden another person rashed up to him, and anatching two St bills out of his coat pocket, bolted down the road, the "clumsy individual" following. Instead of pursuing the thief, complainant sprinted after his companion and arrested him, allowing the thief to escape, In answer to a number of questions put by the Court complainant said the \$2 was found on defendanc's person when arrested, but that he did not see any money change hands.

. Inspector, Warnock, who was listening carefully to all that complainant was saying, applied for a remand as soon as he stepped from the witness stand. He said that when the desendant was arrested it was suggested that another man stole the money and handed it to accused. The latter was sent down to a shoemaker's shop, the inspector said, and a man who had been in accused's company that morndividend of 80 cents per share paid on the 9th ing was brought to the station. This man denied that any theft had been committed, but Cotton Mills.-Ewos are in request at Tis. stated that there was a row at the tea stall beongkong Cottons can be placed at \$112. tween the policemen and others. Inspector Warnock said that if that was the case an adjournment was necessary in order that a searching inquiry should be made in reference to

> His Worship fixed the next hearing until Monday next, releasing the accused on bail

TEIGHTING RINDERPHST.

PREPARATION OF SERUM. On the first of January, 1907, the anti-rinderpest serum laboratory, formerly in charge of the Bureau of Science, was transferred to the Bureau of Agriculture, says the Acanila Time. Under the present arrangement the Bureau of Agriculture has charge of all work pertaining to the purchase and 'management of the herd and the preparation of the serum, up to the point of sterilization, testing and bottling. The Bureau of Science still maintains the technical manipulation of the serum and an arrangement has been perfected between the two bureaus by which all serum will be delivered to the Burean of Science as soon as it has been poured from the blood clot. It will then be centrifugated to free it from all precipitates and impurities and filtered through a Pa tour filter to free it from all kinds of infections. This gives a beautiful, clear sorum, which is absolutely sterile, and will probably keep indefinitely without cold storage.

The serum is being manufactured now at a rapid late, and it is expected that in the near future enough will be produced to inoculate all cattle and carabass in the islands where outbreaks of sinderpest now prevail. It is also expected to produce an additional supply to be astored away so that it can be drawn on in case. of a large outbreak of the disease making its

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By Order of the Court of Directors, J. R. M. SMITH,

Chief Manager. Hongkong, 6th February, 1907. [235]

NOTICE.

MR. HERBERT RICHARD BUDD HANCOCK is this day authorised to SIGN the name of our Firm. SHEWAN, TOMES. & . Go. -

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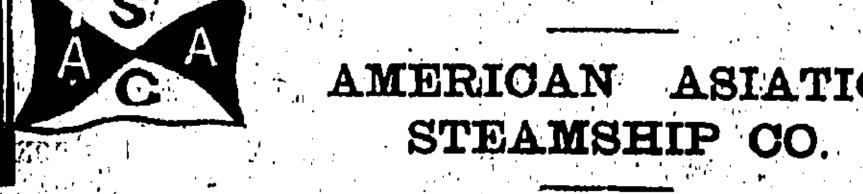
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New York, Dec. 23.

Mr. Juhn D. Rockefeller, the richest man in the world, delivered a little Christmis sermon on the curse of riches and the national sin of extravagance while on the way to Tarrytown to spend Christmas with his family.

While waiting for the departure of his train, Mr. Rockefeller told the assembled reporters that the American people had acquired spendthrift habits which were rushing them into disaster.

Mr. Rockefeller declared that the majority of people were so crazed by prosperity that they spent their money foolishly. Life seemed to be one long race for pre-eminence in dissipating fortunes. They spent too much for clothes, motor-cars, extravagant dinners, etc.

* "No one seems to care for the future," he continued. "Everyone is going entirely too fast. Some day there will be a terrible crash, Unless the nation comes to its senses,"

Mr. Rockefeller added that great wealth was a terrible burden and in order to make it a blessing the holder must do good to his fellow-

In view of the warning delivered by Mr. Shaw, Secretary of the Treasury, a few days ago that America was too prosperous, and that a great reaction must follow, Mr. Rockefeller's statements have attracted widespread attention, ind are generally commented on by to-day's DOWSPAPETS.

The unbounded extravagance criticised by Mr. Rockefeller is due to the unparalleled prosperity in America. Another New York from persons in all stations of life and not correspondent gives a remarkable picture of directly interested in the shipping industry, the prevailing conditions which have made the | The enterprise being more or less of a national people "money mad." He writes as follows:-

The season of unbounded prosperity began twelve years ago, and since then the speculative | should be distributed amongst the outside fever line increased steadily, until to-day it is universal.

"machine-made" millioraires in Pittsburg, periencing inactivity appears somewhat strange where the United States Steel Trust flourishes, has stirred the ambition of every man; from the Steel Trust officials who are still dependent on their salaries to the newly-arrived Irish | the company, though a new one by name, amigrant who has a brother in the police force. The sudden elevation of humble workmen

into high positions and the acquisition of vast | shipping concerns. Unlike many of the new fortunes which have not been earned have done more to demoralise industrial America than any other phase of the prosperity boom.

cently that Mr. Andrew Carnegie, by selecting | formal preliminaries connected with the certain men in his Pittsburg companies to be flotation, so that shareholders may expect millionaries, had more than neutralised the to receive a proper dividend of profit good done by his libraries and technical from the outset. As Mr. Nishikawa, one of schools; Mr. Carnegie is the financial god- the promoters of the new company, remarked father of more than a dozen millionaires, who in discussing their prospects the other day, if began life as small salaried employes in one a shipping company could for ulate a plan of his steel companies.

ly to amass fortunes without working. On the at a juncture when general depression is piecontrary, thousands of men are killing themspives by working hight and day, without re- must of necessity be said to be placed on a creation of any kind, in order to keep pace with | solid basis. If, for instance, the new company

show an alarming increase in the number of the hitherto leading companies is paying no cases of business men suffering from incurable | dividend at all, the new venture could be brain disease. The insane asylums in New looked to for a 16 per cent, dividend while the York, Philadelphia, Chicago, and other great industrial centres contain scores of inmates who have collapsed montally from overwork.

Many of the victims suffer from megalomania, and talk of nothing but colossal schemes for making money. They sign cheques for fabulous sums, and believe that they are conducting enormous financial transactions, A wheat broker who is among the latest victims in New York became a raving maniac while transacting business in the wheat pit last Thurs-

throughout the United States. There is not a town of 5,000 inhabitants or more that does not have at least two or three "bucketshops." In New York and Chicago they flourish in thousands. Their clients are widows, poor clergymen, and labourers, and the bait is usually the latest list of the men who have made fortunes specutating in Wall-street.

This phase of gambling has led to numberless tragedies. Bucketshop failures are invariably followed by frenzied outbursts on the part of the dupes. The gaol at Emporia, Kansas, was attacked a few days ago by a mob, which endeavoured to capture a financial shark named Pierce, who had swindled hundreds of poor people in a bucketshop which promised to pay 135 per cent. He would have been lynched had the mob succeeded in entering the jail.

Every man believes, himself to be a financier. The bootblacks at the street corners take regular "fliers" in shares. The tape machines in the saloons and restaurants are surrounded by groups of auxious investors at all hours. Some of the heaviest plungers are the waiters at Delmonico's, Sherry's, and 'other fashionable restaurants. In consequence of their large tips, they can afford to speculate on

The ambition of every waiter and chef in the country has been fired by the historic example of ""Oscar," the chef at the Walderf-Asteria, who has become a millionaire through tips furnished by wealthy customers in exchange for gastronomic masterpieces,

Two bank clerks were arrested last week for change speculation. Both lost heavily. The majority of the banks have issued notices charged instantly if they speculate, even with

A chauffour named O'Hagan, who came from Ireland six years ago, and was employed as a coachman by a Fifth-Avenue millionaire, has amassed £40,000 through investments suggested by his employer in a conversation with a friend while in the car. He is now preparing

country has sent up the prices of all com- seen

modities. Rents have increased by one-third within two years, In many provincial cities-Pittsburg for example—it is impossible to secure a flat of four small rooms for less than £20 a month. A modest "grill", dinner for two persons in a Pittsburg restaurant costs from LI to £2 to., without wine.

All this is engendered by the apparent neverending prosperity of the country. The people are in danger of losing their balance on account of it.

> 2HR JAPANESE SHIPPING COMBINE.

Among the numberless fresh undertakings springing up in all parts of the country, writes the Japan Chronicle editorially, none is of more general interest and importance than the Nippon Kisen Kaisha, the long talked of steamship combine, preliminary arrangements for the formation of which are said to be now almost complete. The general public of Japan company and its prospects; but although the combine will, be a large concern with a capital of Y20,000,000 it will not be neces-'sary to place large number of shares on the market for subscription. The reason for this is that one half of the capital is to be subscribed by the ship-owners who join in the Company, while the greater part of the remaining Y10,000,000 will be taken up by the promoters, supporters, and others who are Concerned in the scheme. As evidencing the public interest in the undertaking, it is of interest to note that already applications in advance for 300,000 shares have been received character, it is stated to be the desire of the promoters that as many shares as possible

The favourable reception at the hands of All classes are influenced by the one desire I the Japanese public of the new company at a to get rich quickly. The steady output of time when shipping circles generally are exat first sight, but there are reasons for it. In the first place there are circumstances in connection with the present scheme which render hardly such in fact, because it is the amalgamation of the business of various established undertakings which depend entirely upon future prospects, the ! ippon Kisen Kaisha will be in a position to carry on business A well-known industrial fourned declared re- immediately on the completion of the by which a reasonable profit could be practi-The prevailing mania is not a desire primari- | cally guaranteed within a short space of time vailing throughout the trade its foundation their fellow competitors in the race for fortunes. | could estimate with any degree of certainty a The lunacy records of the past five years | dividend of 6 per cent. at a time when one of other would be only paying to percent.

'It would certainly seem from a cursory view of the prospects that there should be a good future for the Nippon Kisen Kaisha, but-it-isinadvisable to regard it too optimitically. The keen competition that is sure to follow between the new and the older companies, together with the foreign vessels, has to be considered; and there are many shippers who would be disposed to support those undertakings with which they are acquainted and which have stood the test of experience. In this connec-Frenzled finance in every form is epidemic I tion it is worthy of note that in the China coastal trade the combine will have a formidable rival in the Nisshin Kisen, Kaisha, particulars of the formation of which appear in another column to-day. It is pointed out, however, that the business of the Nippon Kisen Kaisha will be carried on on a different plan to that adopted by the other companies; for whereas they, generally speaking, principally engage in the passenger service, it is intended by the combine to make

the cargo-carrying trade its chief business. At present is connection with the local as well as the foreign services of the principal Japanese steamship companies calls are only made at the most important ports, just as the express trains stop at certain stations only and pass through many of the smaller places. I is believed by the promoters of the new steamship concern that a large volume of business can be created by the steamers calling at small ports at present almost entirely neglected by the existing companies.

. That'one of the aims of the new undertaking is to compete severely with some of the foreign steamers trading in Far Eastern waters, possibly ousting them out, there can be little doubt, and the competition between the Nippon Kisen Kaisha and the foreign shipping com. Arabia, Ger. s.s., 2,867, H. Metzenthin, 15th Ettel Friedrich, Kamahura Maru. Prinness panies is sure to be even keener than that between it and the other Japanese concerns. The promoters point out that rice from Siam and Rangoon, sugar from Java, phosphatic rock from the Pacific Islands, etc., are all at | Carl Diederichsen, Ger. s.s., 774, H. Schlaikier, present imported to Japan by foreign steamers, and it is such trade that the Nippon Kisen Kaisha seeks to develop and promote. So that while the competition with the existing Japanese lines is likely to be keen, the foreign Choising, Ger. s.s., 1,21, S. Simonsen, 11th 12th February-Neptune, Ernherson, Frank shipping industry in the Far East-already, hard hit by Japanese enterprise—is likely to receive a further blow by the formation of the Nippon Kisen Kaisha. The promoters anticipate success in this direction by reason of more economical working than can be employed on the foreign vessels, and also on account of the anticipated Government bounty -by which they hope to make good any losses. that may be incurred. Whether all their The amazing and genuine prosperity of the anticipations will be realised remains to be

Zhipping.

Arrivals. Coptic, Br. s.s., 2,744, A. Dixon, 14th Feb.-San Francisco 17th Jan., Honolulu 24th, Yokohama 7th Feb , Kobe 9th, Nagasaki 10th, and Shanghai 12th, Mails and Gen. --- O. & O. S. S. Co.

Norrona, Corean s.s., 809; P. Markussen, 15th Feb., -- Wakamatsu 9th Feb., Goal. -- M. B.

Kinklang, Br. s.s., 1,227, Wavell, 14th Feb.,-Shanghai 12th Feb., Gen.-B. & S. Kowloon, Ger. s.s., 2,326, H. Stehr, 15th Feb., -Saigon 11th Feb., Rice and Paddy.-S.

Phuyen, Fr. s.s., 2,500, Bouisson, 15th Feb. -Saigon 11th Feb., Rice, B. & Co.

Derwent, Br. s.s., 1.512, J. Jenkins, 1:th Feb., -Saigon 11th Feb., Gen.-Man Fat & Co. Kohsichang, Ger. s.s., 2,902, C. Rosiefsky, 15th Feb. -Bangkok 4th Feb. Rice. -B

Anghin, Ger. 8/8,, 1,250, Chr. Kümpel, 15th Minnesota, Am. 8.8., 20,717, Chas. Austin, 11th Feb.,-Bangkok 6th Feb, Rice.-B. & S. appears to be showing great interest in the Alger, Fr. cruiser, 3,000, Faurmer, 16th Feb.,from Practice.

> Fukushu Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,090, T. Ito, 16th Feb.,-Anning 13th Feb., Gen.-O. S. K. Shoshu Maru, Jap. s.s., 999, M. Nemoto, 16th Feb.,—Shanghai via Foochow, Amoy and and Swatow 15th Feb., Gen.-O. S. K.

Clearances at the Harbour Office. Banoi, for Kwong-chow-wap. Haitan, for Swatow. Dorte, for Shanghai. Yuensang, for Manile. Majan Mary, for Swatow. Zaftro, for Manila.

Carl Diederichsen, for Hoihow.

Dakota, for Canton.

Departures.

Feb. 16. Doric, for San Francisco. Java, for Singapore, Cyclops, for Vancouver. Sambla, for Singapore. Lothian, for Bhanghai, Hanol, for Haiphong. Ponctong, for Bangkok. Kwanglee, for Canton, Hunan, for Capton. Zofiro, for Mapila. E. B. Sutton, for Baltimore. Koun Maru, for Spigon. Tinhow, for Saigon. Hirsane, for Spigon. Yuensang, for Manila. Hallan, for Pakhoi, Knivsberg, for Kwong-chow-wan,

Kiukiang, for Canton,

Passengers arrived. Per Fukushu Maru, from Anning-Mr.

Hastings. Per Coptic. from San Francisco, &c.-Messes. E. G. Abrey, W. C. Bryant, R. Corbett, M. Dean, S. Dewing, H. W. Kirkpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Muni, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Reed, Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Plerce, Rev. O. A. Carlson, Messrs. S. M. Little, Colley Shaw, Mrs. J. C. Thompson, Mr. G. B. Atkinson, Mr. Tacoma, Am. s.s. 0,606, E. W. Roberts, 28th Messrs. C. S. White Cooper and servant, Messrs. C. Barn, no. Miss F. Pixity, Pond, M. Zahn, P. W. Irvin Miss F. Pixity, Pond, C. S. Chew and servant, Messrs. H. A. Chang and servant, E. B. Skottowe, W. H. Watkins, P. L. Phelan, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ryley, and Mr. T. D. McKay.

Per Anghin, from Bangkok-Mr. H. R

Per Shoshu Maru, from Swatow-Mr.

Passengers departed.

Per Empress of India, for Vancouver, &c .--Prof. E. Hamilton Sharp, Mr. K. Hasegawa, Major Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Cornell, Messrs. H. L. Fletcher, Hori, Chu Shinki, E. A. Mackay, Capt. Dunbar, Mr. and Mrs. Allison, Mr. roold Fuchs, Mr. A. S. G. Bell, Lieut. Mill James, Mr. E. L. D. Bayle, Misses Currie, Wraper, Mr. C. W. Hodgson, Miss E. Flath, Mr. and Mrs. Garland, Mrs B. Potter. Mr. P. A. Stovold Mr. and Mrs. Roff, Mr. A Babington, Mrs. E. Mast, Mr. Sydney Mast, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. M. Noble, Miss Barclay, Capt. Cutler, Dr. Bagg, Measts, C. W. Rigmann, W.

N. Dunlop, and Mrs. Widman. Per Dorle, for Sun Francisco, &c.- Rev. R. T. Alsop, Mr. H. W. Walter, Lieut.-Comdr. H. R. Alfred, U.S.N., Messrs, W. E. Parker and G. H. Sowden.

Per Pringess Alice, for Shanghal-Messrs W. A. Birchal, F. Urban, Borner, Barel, G. F. Keseleff, C. Fritzsche, W. Kahler, Mr. and Mrs. Meyer, Mrs. Remedios and baby, Mr. and Mis, Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Pratt and child. For Nagasabi-Mr. Kakuda, Misses Ichitura and Hashi. For Kobe-Mr. and Mrs. Hankins and child, and Mr. Marsuvara. For Yokobama -Messrs. Goodwin, Feige, H. Pock, and Mrs.

Shipping Reports

Str. Norrona, from Wakamatsu:-Strong N.E. wind with cloudy weather.

Str. Kowloon, from Saigon:-Fine weather last two days strong easterly winds and sea.

Str. Anthin, from Bangkok:-South from

Particel Island fair. North strong N.E. mon-Str. Fukushu Maru; from Anning!-Very

heavy N. Rasterly monsoon across to Formosa Channel and the way to Swatow from Amoy.

Str. Derwent, from Saigon:-Moderate N.E. and Basterly breezes and slight swell up to-Lat. 19 N. Fresh to strong gales up.

Vessels in Port. STEAMERS.

Alabama, Br. s.s., D. O. Redding, 13th Feb.,

Jan., Flour and Gen .- P. & A. S. S. Co. Athenian, Br. s.s., 3,883, A. O. Cooper, toth | Bikintara, Gienstrae, Rasdara, St. Pomingo, Feb.,-Vancouver, B.C., 12th Jan., and Shanghai 7th Feb., Gen.-C. P. R. Co.

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Chowtai, Ger. s.s., 1,115, W. Möllermann, 14th Rivirclyde. Feb. -- Bangkok 4th Feb., Rice and Wood.

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Pybus, R.N.R., 13th Feb., -- Vancouver 25th Gen.---C. P. R. Co. Fukura Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,946 K. Mori, 14th

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Masan Maru, Jap. s.s., 703, I. Sakurai, 13th Feb .- Tamsui toth Feb., Amoy 11th, and Swatow 12th, Gen,-O. S. K. Mercedes, Br. transport, 2,903, J. S. McGregor, 29th Jan.,-Singapore 22nd Jan., Coal.-

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Neil MacLeod, Am. s.s., 901, E. Corral, 19th June,-Manila 16th June, Ballast .-- Barretto & Co. Newton Hall, Br. s.s., 2,675, H. C. Hostler, 4th

Feb. -- Penarth 18th Dec., 1906, Coal. --Admiralty. N. S. de Rosario, Am. s.s., 715, M. Lopez, Blanco, rath June, Manila 9th June, Ballast.—Barretto & Co.

Nicheyei Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,302, S. Natsume, toth Feb., - Moji 4th Feb., Coal, - Order. Nord, Nor. s.s., 730, G. Haraldsen, 11th Feb., -Saigon tth Feb , Rice.-Aagaard, Thore-Paklat, Ger. s.s., 1,300, H. Demes, 10th Feb.,

-Bangkok 4th Feb., Rice, -B. & S. Peleus, Br. s.s., 4,800, Hannah, 14th Feb.,-Shanghai 12th Feb., Gen.-B. & S. Petchaburi, Ger. s.s., 1,370, C. Gosewisch, 5th Feb.,-Bangkok 23rd Jan, Rice and Timber,-M. & Co. Prinz Sigismund, Ger. s.s., 3,302, Lenz, 8th

- Feb.,-Sydney 15th Jan., and Manila 5th Feb., Gen.-M. & Co. Progress, Ger. s.s., 687, H. Pahren, 8th Feb., -Degie 5th Feb., Salt.-L., W. & Co. Quarta, Ger. s.s., 1,145, H. Madsen, 13th Feb., -Saigon 8th Feb., Rice.-Man Fat Co. Ratho, Br. s.s., 2,747, J. Thomson, 9th Feb.,-

New York via Manila 6th Feb., Case Oil and Gen.— . O. Co. Sarsogan, Am. s.s., 428, Vitteria, 7th Sept.,-Manila 4th Sept., Ballast, -Order. Signal, Ger. s.s., 960, G. Schlalkier, 8th Feb. -Singapore 29th Jan, and Holhow 7th

Feb, Gen.-J. & Co. Simongan, Dut. s.s., 1,200, Zaiderhoudt, 11th Feb., -Samarang and Pulo Laut 3rd Feb., Sugar,-Chinese. Skuld, Nor. s.s., 947, A. Odd, 13th Feb.,-Saigon 5th Feb., Rice.—Asgaard, Thore-

sen & Co. Suma Maru, Jap. 8.5., 2,022, H. Yamaguchi 9th Feb., -Saigon 3rd Feb., Rice. -Gilman

Jan.,-Tacoma via Japan Ports 13th Dec., Gen.-D & Co., Ld. ுழ்து Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,500, Tajihama, 8th Gen,-Japanete. Weihaiwei 3rd Feb., Tean, Br. s.s., 1,346, Sommerville, 15th Feb.,-Manila 12th Feb., Gen.—B. &.S.

Tjilatjap, Dut. s.s., 2,475, P. J. van Emmerick, 12th Feb.,-Moji 7th, Feb., Coal.-J. C. J. Tosa Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,610, K. Kato, 10th Feb., -Shanghai 7th Feb., Gen.-N. Y. K. Undine, Nor. s.s., 1,113, H. Thorkjornsen, 23rd

Thoresen & Co. Yruna, Am. a.s., 469, H. Nelson, 16th. Oct.,-Amov 14th Oct., Ballast.—Yeng Chung. SAILING VESSELS.

Ponape, Ger. sch., 220, H. Martens, 31st Dec. -Yap 20th Dec., Ballast.-German . Consul. Prince George, bk., 472, A. R. Anderson 18th Oct.,-Manila 26th Sept., Old Iron.-

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First Sunday in Lentilla Morning Prayer 11: a.m., Venite, Crotchie. Te Deum, Woodward; Hymns, 92, 109, 594 and 233, Kyrie,

Holy Communion 12.15 p.m. Evening Prayer, 6.30 p.m., Cantate, Crotch Deus Hopkins; Hymns, 99, 435, 595 and 2051 The Church launch Dayspring will call on ships carrying white crews to bring friends ashore to the services between 0.15 and id. to a.m., and between 5.15 and 6 p.m.; (Kowloop) Police Pier, 10.30 and 6 p.m.); returning afterwards. The Answering Pennant is the Call flag. All the sittings are free and unappropriated. Visitors welcome. Books, &c. provided. Sunday school to to 10.45 a.m.

Meeting at Scamen's Institute 72; Praya East on Sunday at 8 p.m. Roman Catholic Cathedral:-- Mass at 6 a.m. . 7 a.m., 8 a.m., and 9.30 a.m. Benediction.

German Bethesda Chapel, West Point: Morning Service, 11 a.m. St. Francis' Church, Wanchai :- Mass (Chin.). 6a.m. (Port.). 7.30 a.m. Benediction, 5 p.m. St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road:--Morning Service (*English*), 10 a.m. St. Anthony's Chapel, West Point :-- Mass.

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۸,	National Bank of China, Limited	09,925	£7	£6.	£ \$150,000 }			e en	\$50
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10	Shanghai Tug and Lighter Company, Limited (Preference)	100,000	*, 50		Tis. 40,000 {4,0000 {4,144	115, 23,150	Interim div. of Tis 28 are 1906,	9 7 61 % 24 %	Tls. 6: sellors. Tls. to buyers 38 - buyers
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OR	Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited	, i	's, 50	101-	" is. 100,000	7 is, 8,935	Tis. 4 (8 %) for year ending 11.8.c6	53 %	Tis. 75 sellers
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ab.	Docks, Wharves & Godowns.								
• . •	Fepwick (Geo.) & Co., Limited	18,000	125	125	\$70,000		52 for 1905		
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on he	hanghai and Hongkew Wharf Company, Limited.	12,000	" The rec		T's. 487,210	115. 57.565	Interim div. of TIs. 8 on account.1906		
e ss	Vangtsre Wharf and Godown Company, Limited	2,500	*1F. TOO		Tis 30,000		Tir. 18 for 1905		Tis. 240 buyers
- ; ···	Ands, Hories & Buildings. Anglo-French Land Investment Co., Ld	₹7,000	Tis, 100	Tit. 100 \$25 \$15]	\$ 30,000	none \$8,418	First year	70 10 %	Tis. 105 sa. & b. 129 buyers
D,	Do. (new issue)	,,] Y (24,000 -	\$15 \$15		none	\$4,719	\$3.40 on \$12 for 1905 7 % on \$71 for 1905	•••	\$164 buyers \$300 buyers
12	Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	000,07	\$50 \$100	\$50 100	\$648,975 \$19,075 \$250 (00	150,218	Final div. of \$34 making \$7 for 1906	61%	\$107 buyers
· ,	Hotel des Colonies Company, Limited	2,000	\$100 \$100	\$100 \$100	7 ls. 29,783 none \$208,586	\$4,099 \$21,662	Final of \$6 making \$10;	721 %	Tis, 15 sales \$80 seliers \$11.20 b.jex div
	Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited	, 16,000	\$50	130	\$50,000 none { 714, 869,493	11,089	\$2] for 1906	61 %	-1
'	Do. do. (new issue)	26.000	Tin, 50 Tis, 50 \$50	1991 - E.J.	7 ls. 170,000 none	\$1,519			1.7 Tis. 6c sellers
	COTTON MILLS. 1-wo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Ld.,	15,000	Tis, 50	Tir. 50	Tis. 150,000	TJ: 64 986	- Tls. 10 for year ended 31.10.19 6	131 %	Tls. 75 buyers
so. '	Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Company, Limited	175,000	\$10	\$10	Tis. 45,939 \$110,000	\$21,660	Stor the year ending 51.7.6	1c‡ %	.\$114 buyers
	International Cotton Manufacturing Company, Ld., Laou-kung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ld Soy Chee, Cotton Spinning Company, Limited	8.000	Tls, 75		Tis. 150,000 rone Tis. 18,456	Tls. 30,760	Tls. 8 for 1905	6 %	Tis, 64 buyers Tis, 132; sellers Tis, 360 buyers
•	Miscellaneous.								
	Anglo-German Brewery Company, Limited	8,604	\$100 12/6 \$10	\$100 12/6 \$10	none {814 \$9,000	\$1,097	1/3 per share for 1905:	" 10° %	\$7 sollers \$30 ,
	China Borneo Company, Limited	4,000	Tir. 50	\$12 Tis, 50 \$10	Tis. 50,000	11,219	60 cents for year ended 18.2.06	61 %	Tis. 57 sales
·	China Provident Loan & Mortgage Company, Ld Dairy Farm Company, Limited	25,000	\$10 \$71 \$10	\$6, \$6,	\$115,000 \$50,000 \$410,000		\$1.30 for year ending 31:7.19c6	8 7	\$81v. Stoj salos. S211
٠.	Hall & Holtz, Limited	27,000	\$20	\$20 \$10	\$186,000), 	\$2 for year ending 28.2.06	101 %	\$23 bayers
٠	Hongkong High-Level Tramways Company, Ld	1 1,250	\$100 \$25	\$100 \$25	попе 550,000 580,000	121796	Int. div. of \$4 for a year ended 30,6.06	71 %	\$215 \$250 buyersi,
• :	Hongkong Steam Waterboat Company, Ld Maatschappij tot Min-, Bosch- en Landbouwer.	50,000 i	\$10	\$10 \$10 Gs. 100	161,000	\$5,813 \$88°	Final of so cents making \$1 for the year	15 %	\$61 \$61 Tis. 2621 buyers
l	Philippine Company, Limited Shanghai Gas Company, Limited (old)	62 500	Ga. 100 \$10 Tis. 50	\$10 -	Tis, 27,603.	Dr P. 34,324	None, dividend of The at account?		S5 buyers
	Shanghai Horse Baraar Co., Ld.	. 8,000 · 5,400	Tis, 50	Tls. 50 } Tls. 50	Tis. 165,000	Tls. 9,751	Tiri 6 for 1904	17 %	Tis. 34
•	Shanghai Pulpyand, Paper Company, Limited		Tls. 100	Tis. 100	Tls. 24,820	Tis: 1.452.	Interim div. of Tly: 4 on account 1906	5 %	Tis. 120 buyers Tis. 100 buyers
[3 ⁴	1	\$ 8,175	£20	(20) (75) \$25	Tis: 190,000,	Tis., 85,502			Tis. 315 Tis. 285 \$25 sales
,. •	Lientsin Waterworks Company, Limited	20,000	\$25; \$ 5 Tis, 100	\$ 5	none, none Tis. 15,295	7 \$214	30 ctt. (old) & 15 cts (new) year ended 31.5.00	52 %	Tis. 100 buyers
	("nited Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	9,900	\$10 \$10	\$4} \$10}	17 *	\$7521	{70 cents } for year ended 31.5.1906	{ 81 % 61 %	\$10 \$150
	Watson, (A. S.) & Co., Limited	•	\$10 \$10	\$10	\$300,000 } \$25,000 } \$4,500		[Final of 3) cts, making 80 cts. for the }	101 %	512 578 buyers
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						The section of the se	Dividends Payable:	5 18	February 18th
,						Property of the second	Shanghai Land Investment Co. Hongkong and Whampon Dock Co., Ld Lau Kung Mow Cotton Co	Tla.44 \$6.00	» 20th
							Soy Ches Cotton S. Co., Ld.		March 5th
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preliminary stages would prove abortive. At

length. Sir Ernest Satow, who was then

British Minister at Peking, took the matter

in hand and by his vigorous and persistent

efforts the Agreement was signed. In the

scheme, and that they managed to prevent

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in the way of those who favoured the agree-

their tactics and condemning their attitude.

wrote, "than I find you advocating the can-

cellation of this very Agreement. Although

your views may be excusable in the light of your

patriotism, I am afraid that you will find-con-

siderable difficulty in realising your hopes."

His Excellency was right, for the Agreement

has been sanctioned and the matter is settled.

We can only trust that, after the Chinese

New Year, evidence will be forthcoming to

ing the Kowloon section at Sam-chun. The

the difficulties are cleared away, and the

Kowloon-Canton railway an accomplished

CHINESE IMMIGRATION IN

AMERICA.

of immigrants to the United States, the total

admissions during the period being 1,166,335

an increase of 106,598 over the previous

in the applications for admission. Of one

thing we may be quite certain, however-

the number of Chinese admissions' was an

infinitesimal quantity in comparison with

that of aliens of other nationalities. The

Commissioner in considering the tabulated

Chinese Exclusion Law and some of the

deputed to American consuls to in-

It is not astonishing to learn that last

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BIRTHS.

On January 9, 1907, at Foothow, the wife of fact. G. SIEMSSEN, Esq., H. G. M.'s Consul, of a

On February 6, at Shanghai, to Captain M. DAVIDSON, 4th Bn. The King's Regt., and Mrs. Davidson, a son, BEATTIE. -At Stokes Bungalow, West Peak,

on the 12th instathe wife of ANDREW BEATTIE,

At Shanghai, on the 14th inst., the wife of GEORGE HUTTON POTTS of a son.

MARRIAGE.

On February 6, 1,907, at Shanghai, KENETH OSWALD MACKENZIE, son of the late Robert Mackenzie and Mrs. Mackenzie, to ASTRID ALICE (BARBIE) younger daughter of the late N. C. R. Petersen and Mrs. Petersen, of Shanghai, and grand-daughter of William A. Carlson, Harbour Master at Shanghai. DEATHS.

On February 2, 1907, at Shanghai, EMIL Daliero, aged 33. On February 5, 1907, at Shanghai, CECIL EDGAR VAN BERGEN, aged 4 years and 11

On February 8, 1907, at Shanghai, ALICE HOBBS, aged 26. " On February 8, 1907, at Chinwangtao, D. MCKELLAR, second engineer of the str. Kat-

On February 9, 1907, at Shanghai, FRAN-CISCO XAVIER CARNEIRO, aged 44. On February to, 1907, at Shanghai, J. BAYOL, of the Imperial Maritime Customs. Suddenly on the 11th insta Captain ALEX-ANDER TELLETY, Into Marine Euperintendent.

C. P. R. Co., aged 63.

Whe **Hongkong** Helegraph

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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1907.

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY LOAN AGREEMENT SANOTICNED.

(9th February.)

at one time it seemed possible that the sub. Other recommendations are designed to admission of Chinese to the mainland of the made to the difficulties experienced in secur- sea who could not be shaken foff. This is ject would be quietly shelved. It was a prevent the admission of Chinese minor United States, and therefore, previous rul- ing adequate and profitable returns, but it | no time to lag behind and in view of what is | his officers may be considered fairly supproof.

tion of a railway to Amoy, which was in meaning of Commissioner, that he has no tended, without a doubt, to divert traffic from sympathy with those who would seek to the Anglo-Chinese line to the purely Chinese | relax the hidebound laws enacted against undertaking. It may be argued that His the Chinese. The recrudescence of the Excellency Shum never actually showed the | hoycott against American goods probably cards in his hand, but there was ample cir- occurred after the Commissioner had subcumstantial evidence to prove the trend of mitted his report to the Senate, and conse-

his play. What he failed to do as Viceroy | quently he may have fancied that it had of the two Kwang he succeeded in ac- died a natural death. But there is no doubt chieving through the medium of his as to the sincerity of the promoters of the friends and relatives in Peking: The terms, boycott in their propaganda work, and such of the Agreement were threshed out back- a report is not calculated to calm the spirit wards and forwards till it seemed as if the of retaliation among the natives. However, task of Sisyphus had assumed a new and lit is perhaps unjust to judge the Commisoriental shape. It was blocked, sidetracked | sioner's views from an epitome of the report. and mangled until there was real reason to and we can only wait until the original has fear that the attempt to get it through the arrived in Hongkong.

> BRITISH PRESIIGE. (11th February.)

officials at the Chinese capital, the British kong may be considered. While Their section of the line should be constructed [Royal Highnesses contributed to the gaicty in spite of all difficulties. . Still the authori- and pleasure of the Colony, they also were ties at Canton, relying on the eventual suc- | the medium of adding to her artistic riches, | cess of their representatives at Peking," re- | and, 'no doubt, from the feminine stand-Vice-President of the Ministry of Posts and | the short time at his disposal, to form an opponents of the Agreement "denouncing | leave to doubt. It is quite possible that His Royal Highness realised the efficiency, "No sooner has this loan been made and of the forts to repel an attacking force, the Agreement thereament signed," he which can only come by water, but it is a well-known fact that the island is far from Captain Barnes-Lawrence viewed with anxiety the construction of the Kowloon-Canton railway, believing that it afforded as loophole for those who had siniater intentions against Great Britain. He had a scheme somewhat resembling the Channel tunnel idea; whereby the strategical importthe section running from Canton and join- was never brought to fruition. At the same tion is apt to reveal defects which are not papers which have just come to hand is of Great Britain to consider in particular examination of the Commissioner-General's | the East, but it is not well that Hongkong will be directed to certain remarks regarding | considered. In these circumstances, we trust clear whether of the total number of immi- full conception of what is required for the

whether that was the extent of the decrease | the Far East generally. CHINESE IMMIGRATION INTO . MANILA. .

(12th February.) section of his report makes reference to the rexemption was made in the Chinese Exclu- trade will be cut into by the Japanese into with Sir John Jackson, Ltd. There was sion Act in favour of Chinese actors being whose appearance on the scene must be evidently some fear that the Settlement could difficulties which attend its enforcement, admitted into the Philippine Islands and in regarded with grave consideration. In the ill afford the huge sum of £1.264.000 He is evidently of opinion that the power consequence several Chinese troupes were first place, the steamers of the four com- for harbour improvements, and the contracadmitted into Manila from Hongkong. Now, panies are practically certain dividend- tors were asked whether they would agree vestigate the claims of Chinese decirous however, news is to hand that Chinese earners, for they start with an annual Govern- to cancel the contract in return for a solutium of proceeding to the States should be actors must be classed with those who ment subsidy of 800,000 yen, the estimate of £25,000. A reply was received saying that withdrawn and that a new system should be are debarred from admittance into United for which is included in the Japanese Sir John Jackson declined to name a sum adopted. In the words of the San Fran. States territory. The information reaches | Budget for the coming fiscal year. Already, | for a simple cancellation of the contract. cisco Chronicle: "he recommends stationing | us through the columns of the Manila | the Japanese Government is paying sub- | The amount was thought inadequate, but officers to investigate and approve certificates | tablenews of 7th inst., which says:- | sidies to the four companies, as an in- | Sir John Jackson stated that his firm would issued by the Chinese Government to the Yesterday Collector McCoy gave out a cable | ducement to make a bold hid for the Yang- | accept £20,000 to cancel the contract, it exempt classes, such plan to supersede that | received by Governor General Smith from | tse trade, to the amount of 500,000 year, but | they could reserve the right to go to arbitraof having the investigation made by United | General Edwards, which revokes the ruling | it is not stated whether the new subsidy to | tion for the loss of profits if they did not States consular officers." A sly dig at the of Secretary Tast of April 4, 1906, regarding the joint concern is an addition or an obtain the Tanjong Pagar contract. The consuls is made by the Commissioner when the favoured admittance into the islands of simple increase. Even if it were only an telegram further stated that if it was considerhe says that greatly improved conditions re- Chinese actors. Since Secretary Taft's rul- increase of \$300,000 yen it is very substantial. ed that the contract must be cancelled, sulted from the President's orders of last | ing the popularity of Manila as an amuse | Then, the vessels can be worked at a | notice would have to be given and the Gospring to instruct consular officers as to their ment centre has been very great if the com- fraction of the cost involved on European duties concerning the certificates to which ling of three large Chinese theatrical troupes | steamers, even in the case of tramps, be | £,100,000. To this the Straits Government he has made reference. It is recommended from China is to be taken in account. Many cause wages are less as a rule and Japanese replied that sooner than accept the excessive that there should be a system whereby the people claimed that Taft's ruling in sailors do not demand the fare which a demands of the contractor or go to arbitra-Government might have a complete and permitting the entrance of Chinese actors thoughtful Board of Trade provides for the tion, they were prepared to face the necessity No information could be more satisfactory | detailed registration of all Chinese in into the islands when they could not British sailormen. There are other very for the strictest economy and proceed with to those who are interested in the subject of the United States. The object of such lenter the United States was in violation of real reasons why those connected with the the contract. The Governor of the Straits the construction of the railway which will a scheme is to impose a barrier against the rulings of the Treasury Department and shipping trade of Hongkong should give Settlements at a meeting of the Legislative councet Kowloon with Canton than that those Chinese who, it is alleged, cm. the Attorney-General of the United States; close attention to the situation, otherwise Council expressed the belief that the which was received to-day, to the effect that ploy various methods to enter the count "That Tait's interpretation of the law they may be caught nodding when their Colony was quite capable of meeting the an Imperial Edict has been issued by the try in violation of the law, one of the chief is faulty," remarks our contemporary, "is competitors arrive on the scene. In any financial situation, and so the work will pro-Imperial Government at Peking sanctioning of these being that they profess to be do- evidenced by the cable from General event, it will be a stiff fight which the ceed accordingly. Looking from the outthe Agreement with the British and Chinese | miciled merchants. Any Chinese labourer | Edwards. The cable is as follows: "Wash. Japanese seem anxious to make with the side, we are inclined to feel that it was the Corporation for the Chinese section of the found in the United States a year after the ington, February, 4, 1907. Smith, Manila, view of wresting the trade of Hongkong and wisest course to begin operations as soon as Canton Kowloon Railway. Time and again registration act who has not a residence cer- Secretary of War, after full conference Canton from those who have built it up with possible once they have been decided upon it was declared that the Imperial sanction | tificate and is found to be unlawfully there | with the President and the Secretary of | so much industry, caution and concern. It | It is absurd to have an immense undertakhad been obtained to the document in ques- should, the report says, be deported. The State, has become convinced there must is well known that the Canton and West ing of a public character hanging over the tion, but the unreasoning opposition of certain | Commissioner also states that on the Mexi- be uniformity of construction of Chinese | River trade is far from being remunerative. | heads of residents, and it does not tend to gentry at Peking who, perhaps, had their can border Chinese coolies are constantly exclusion law with reference to admission of the principal increase the self-esteem of the Colony, bury Own ends to serve, delayed matters and being smuggled into America from Mexico. Chinese to the Philippine Islands and the company interested in the trade reference is dened as it would be with an old man of the already had an experience as A.D.C. with Sir

formity with Attorney-General's opinion, will hereaster be followed. Secretary of State cabled Consuls at Amoy and other places similar instructions.—Edwards." With a view of giving effect to the new ruling of the Immigration Law, Collector McCoy has issued Chinese immigration circular 185, cmbodying the cable and calling the attention of fall collectors of customs in the islands to the revoking of the instructions of April 4,

HONGKONGSNEW,TRADE KIVALS.

(15th February.)

For some considerable time it has been apparent to those who have given the sub- the development of Sabang as a coalingject attention that the Japanese steamship station and its progress, as the rival of companies were bent not merely on appro- Singapore, but there is reason to believe Now that the Duke and Duchess of Con- printing the carrying trade of the north but | that it is gradually emerging from obscurity. meantime His Excellency Sir Matthew naught have gone, taking with them the also had designs on the commerce which A paragraph in a recent issue of the Ning-Nathan had arrived in Hongkong and with affection and esteem, which always attach to indiates from Hongkong. It was many apore Frees gives the following informathe true spirit of the engineer he determined any of those related to the Royal Household, months after the war that Dalny was thrown I tion and comment on the position: "The that, despite the opposition of certain some of the effects of their visit to Hong open to foreign traders, although the Japanese steamship owners had free access to the day afternoon from Hongkong and she will port and the hinterland, and the result was leave this afternoon for home, her place on that, practically speaking, nothing was left the Far Bast station being taken by the for those who came afterwards. Then came | Vesuvio. It is somewhat significant and the amalgamation scheme, by, which the also an indication that Sabang is getting a fused to move in the matter, blandly offer- point, affording an opportunity of illustrat- most important companies agreed to combine formidable rival to Singapore that the ing the excuse that the Agreement had not | ing her local resources. But that is not the | with the declared object of ousting their | Marco Polo will coal there on her way to been sanctioned by Imperial edict. Even al- point, for it is the spontaneous exhibition of tivals in the Far East generally. They had Colombo." It is certainly curious that a though the Agreement had been signed, the | good-will, and loyalty which is of most im- | already made a beginning with the Yangtse | warship should deliberately indicate its opposition had by no means lost heart. They | portance. After all, given a bright sky and | trade, but their operations had not extended | preference for Sabang, when she had to call coalesced in their resolution to defeat the gay scenery, it is a simple matter to make a as far as Hongkong, and there was, indeed, at the important port in the South, and it Roman holiday, but there are deeper re- little reason to believe that their programme cannot be suggested that in patronising the its final adoption for so long is a tribute to sults to flow from the Royal visit. It contained any reference to the Hongkong Dutch port she could have been influenced their skill, ingenuity and influence at head- was recognised from the first that the and Canton trade. It was thought that by motives of self-interest, national conquarters. It need not be suggested that Duke was on business intent. His with the schemes to inaugurate lines to the siderations or neighbourliness. The only there was any chicanery employed; the fact | Royal Highness came out as an officer | United States, South America, Australia | rational view to take is that the commander, Lof the Crown charged with special duties and Europe either emerging from the lof the Italian warship had received reports in the way of examining the defences of chrysalis stages or recovering from the concerning Sabang as a coaling station ment. H.E. Tang Shao yi, the Senior the Colony. That the Duke managed, in disorganisation caused by the war the which induced him to give Singapore the question of entering into competition with | "go by." That speaks ill of the Settlement Communications, became so wrath at last accurate idea of the capabilities of Hong. the local boats was still for the future to and is far from creditable either to the late that he wrote a stinging letter to the kong to resist an invader, we diffidently beg decide. 'Assisted by their Government, Tanjong Pagar Dock Company or the however, largely through the benevolence of present Dock Board. Quoting again linanciers on the London and ew York | from our contemporary it appears that Exchanges, and the Paris Bourse, the "steady endeavours are being made in vari-Japanese have been rendered able to come our ports in the Far East to influence capto the front once more with wonderful tains of trading steamers to make use of vulernable from the south. The late celerity. We read in a Japanese contem- Sabang as a coaling port. The inducements porary that the scheme to incorporate the are, presumably, of a monetary character. Vapples services of the four companies—the | and, therefore, of such a nature as the Tan-Nippon Yusen Kaisna, Osaka-Shosen jong Pagar Dock Board, now not a private Kaisha, Daito Kisen Kaisha and Hunan | company but a Colonial institution, cannot Steamship Company, has matured, and the possibly offer. Things being equal, Sabang final meeting of the representatives of the will score with skippers of a money-making four companies has probably already been turn of mind—there are a few such—for reshow that a serious start has been made with | ance of the line might be discounted, but it | held at which all matters concerning the | hates and commissions are arguments that amalgamation have been arranged. It is convince sea going persons of an acquisitive time he was firmly of opinion that the further stated that the capital of the new turn of mind. The per contra argument first great obstacle has been surmounted, southernapproaches to the harbour were quite | company will be 12,000,000 yen, made up | that the Singapore Dock Board, to give it a and it should not be long before the rest of | inadequate and even went so far as to say | as follows:-100,000 yen, the capital of the | generally intelligible name, must offer, are that they were practically useless. Whether | Daito Kisen Kaisha, with 15 steam tug-boats | the lowest possible rates as to coaling, dock the Duke realised this important fact is with an aggregate tonnage of 340, and 15 ing and repairs." In the opinion of the locked in his own breast. Of course, it may lighters with an aggregate tonnage of 676; writer, if Sabang can do things better than he said that His Royal Highness was able | 750,000 yen, the paid-up capital of the | Singapore then the former deserves to succeed from the charts and documents placed be Hunan Steamship Company with three As yet Sabang is a very puny rival, the total fore him to guage the value of each fort, steamers, representing a total tonnage of number of ships that coaled there in 1905 and, equally of course, the Duke, from his; 3,370; 4,000,000 yen, representing six being 176, and in the first ten months of long experience, was in a position to appraise | steamers on the Yangtse, and other property. List year 178, which may be styled progress year a record was established in the number, their utility, but a close personal examina- | belonging to the Osaka Shosen Kaisha; | of sorts, But the very fact that there is about 3,000,000 yen representing two competitor at her gates should stir the Set apparent on the surface. The alliance with | steamers and other property of the Nippon | tlement, or rather the Government, to re-Japan naturally diminishes the danger should | Yusen Kaisha, the remaining 4,000,000 yen | newed effort in the way of improving the returns. The summary in the San Francisco | there be any less special effort on the part | to be subscribed publicly. When the new | dock and wharf accommodation, and adopt-| company is floated, four steamers of over | ing the latest devices intended to facilitate somewhat too condensed to permit of any the interests of the Colony as the sentinel of | 2,000 tons each will be built, and the services | rapid coaling and the prompt discharge of will be extended to Hongkong Canton, cargo. Singapore is certainly not up-to-date report, but interest in this part of the world | should be relegated to the limbo of the un- | Tairen, and other North and South china | as regards the common machines which are ports. That is definite enough in all conscience | called into operation when quick work at the the exclusion of Chinese. It is not quite that it is Royal Highness has carried away at and appears to have been inspired by some I docks is required, and seeing that so much person in authority. There is no suggestion money is to be spent on the harbour is grants admitted 1,154 were. Chinese or | maintenance of British prestige here and in | that the shipping trust of Jupan may do this | might be well if the Dock Board considered or that; there is no use for the subjunctive the advisability of modernising their methods in the formal statement appearing in the in every way possible, so that the port can Press; the scheme is already out and fairly claim to be in a position to defeat the dried, formulated and, possibly, by this time, Laims of Sabang, . In this connection i in course of being carried into effect. It appears that recently the Government had will be noted that Hongkong and Canton | been discussing the question of securing the It will be recalled that early last year an lare specifically mentioned as ports whose cancellation of the harbour contract entered

well known fact that Viceroy Chow Fu's pre- | children; and attach severe penalties for | ing of the Department with the last been hoped that the attention and | being done to popularise Sabang at the exdecessor was bitterly antagonistic to the permitting Chinese seamen to land. It is cse actors, printers, et cetetre his hereby energy given to the trade, the ability with pense of Singapore it is only right; and proscheme, for the simple reason that he had quite evident, if this precis of the report referred and the rulings of the rulings. other objects in view, notably the construct may be accepted as approximating the Immigration, Treasury Department, in con- developed would bring their natural reward matter of public, and particularly harbour. in the future. With the advent of the Japanese that reward may be far to seek, borrow the money for the purpose. unless strenuous efforts were made to retain and, if possible, increase the advantage gained by being first in the field. As for the coast trade it has been none too flourishing for some time past, and the Japanese are not likely to lead to any marked improvement. Altogether, the position, is by no. means reassuring, although there is no reason to be despondent, for the outcome will rest with those who are most determined to get and to keep the trade, and that should be the shipping community of Hongkong.

SINGAPORE AFFAIRS. Little has been heard of late regarding Italian cruiser Marco Polo arrived on Tuesvernment must contemplate a claim of

improvements, even fir it is necessary to

PLAGUE IN BANGROR.

(16th February.)

Rangkok as a rule enjoys.comparative immunity from plague, although it is usually more or less afflicted at this season of the year by a visitation of cholera and other diseases caused by the lack of a domestic water supply. That the capital of Siam should have escaped the trouble which in the housesson is common throughout the Far East has been matter of surprise to those who have anyknowledge of the insanitary conditions prevailing in Bangkok. This year, however, there has? been a serious epidemic of plague and at the present time there is no evidence that it has been stamped out or that adequate repressive measures are being adopted to check the disease. The fact that the sanitary arrangements of the city are of the most primitive description is not calculated to afford consolation to the ports which are in direct communication with Bangkok, and are therefore liable to import the disease. As a matter of fact, from latest accounts the epidemic is spreading into the interior where nothing or almost nothing can be done to stay its ravages. It has been shown that the Siamese people have a fatalistic turn of mind which leads them to view the increasing death-roll with a calmness. amounting to equanimity. When cholera is at its height in the dry season, the natives persist in drinking the brackish waters of the Menam, in direct opposition to the advice of those in authority. They are told what the results are likely to be, but whether it is due to ignorance or apathy they continue the practice and suffer accordingly. Cholera was an accepted fact which could mot be denied, and they were far from attempting to defeat the ends of Providence. But plague is practically a new feature which appears to be exercising the natives mainly on account of its novelty. The Bangkak Times in discussing the matter observes that:- "Plague follows a pretty well defined course when once it has established itself in any big town, and the prospect, not of sporadic cases, but of serious epidemics for some years in the future, is not a pleasant one. If that prospect is realised it will raise not a few difficult problems that the authorities will. have to be prepared to deal with. But we fancy a serious increase of plague cases means more than that. It means that the question of the sanitation of Bangkok will's become one of practical politics. The essential sanitary rules will have to be enforced as in other towns under proper administration, and money will have to be found for the water supply and other necessary works. Only necessity perhaps could force the matter forward at present, but with plague in the country public health becomes a matter of the first importance. This has not been recognised yet, however, for even the elementary Act making registration of death compulsory is still on the slelf." That is rather plain speaking on the part of a newspaper which bears a semi-officialstanding in Siam, but it does not come too early.—There-is-a-country,-which-pretends-tohe in the forefront of civilisation, as the word is understood in the East, which does not employ the most elementary forms of sanitation, has no idea of inaugurating a water supply system and gives little or no thought to the eradication of endemic diseases. If the introduction of plague induces the authorities to give another thought to the essentials of health and the principles of hygiene it will not have proved an unmitigated evil. But is Hongkong glying attention to the outbreak in Bangkok? There is a very considerable trade between that port and this Colony, a trade which will increase as the rice crop is milled, and unless steps are taken to preserve the community from a premature epidemic derived"

CONCERNING the staff of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught a home paper has this: - The Duke of Connaught, in his forthcoming Fustern tour, will take with him besides his A.D.C. Mr. Myles l'onsonby, an old comrade of his at Tel el Kebir, Major-Gen-ral Sir John Maxwell, KCB. ir John was a subaltern in the First Battalion of the Black Watch then, and was taking, as was the Duke, his first turn of warservice. He was to see plenty more, as A.D.C. to Grenfell at Giniss, where he got his D.S.O.: at l'ougola, where he got his brevet lieutcolonelcy; and at Omdurman, where he commanded the Second Egyptian Brigade. Then? came - South Africa, where, he had the Fourteenth Brigade, and finished up as Military Governor of Pretoria. The Duke's A.D.C. Mr. Myles Ponsonbycis the second son of that. sometimes busy City, man, Lord Duncannon, who is now eighth Earl of Bestborough, and: who married the youngest of the present Lord Wimborne's five sisters ... Mr. Ponsonby, who is a licutenant in the Grenadier Guards, has 14 A. Blake, in Ceyloni. The Duke and both

through the agency of travellers from Bang-

kok, the work of the past few years will have

been in vain. It is not desirable that the

precautions should be of such a nature as to

conflict with actual trade requirements but

they should certainly ensure the safety of the

public of this Colony. In these circum-

stances, we trust that the Sanitary Depart.

ment will take the matter in hand and so

continue the work which has had the effect

of greatly diminishing the death returns'due!

to bubonic plague.

TELEGRAMS HONGKONG TELEGRAPH' SERVICE.

ROYALTY IN CANTON.

THE VOYAGE FROM HONGKONG.

SIGHT-SEEING IN THE CITY.

'NO OFFICIAL RECEPTION.

[Rrom Our Own Correspondent.] :-

Shameen, 9th February, 11.20 a.m.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught, Princess Patricia and the other members of the party accompanying the Royal visitors arrived at Canton at eight o'clock this morning by the stramship Honam (Capt. II. D. Jones).

The passage from Hongkong was uneventful.

Prior to landing, the Royal party had breakfast on board the Honama plain, substantial meal. The monu was as follows:-

8.8. " HONAM." ·DREAKFAST. glh / chruary, 1907. 1.- Fried Fish. 2.—Ham and Eggs. 3.-Grilled Beef Steak. 4.—Quail with Rice." 5.- Fried Lamb Chops.

7.-Cold Ham. 6. - Cold Roast Capon. 8.-Cold Roast Leg of Mutton. g.-Cold Corned Beel. 10.—Chicken Curry and Rice. 12.-Potatoes. 11.-Waffles.

14.—Coffee. 13.---Tea. When it was announced that the half Honam had arrived, Mr. R. W. Mansfield, the British Consul-General at Canton, went on board and tendered his respects to the Royal

.There was no official reception, in any shape or form. No salute was

The river steamers were decorated with bunting, but the river gunboats had no display whatever. The visit is regarded as absolutely unofficial, the party being solely bent on sight-

After breakfast, the Duke and Duchess and others, including the Consul General, landed at 9.30 a.m.; and proceeded to the city.

They were accompanied by an escort of Chinese guards which had been furnished by Viceroy Chow Fu.

 $ROYALTY\ SIGIIT-SEEING$

WELCOMED IN CANTON.

viceroy's hospitality declined. CHINESE SOLDIERS ESCORT THE VISITORS.

[From Our Special Correspondent.]

Shameen, 9th February, 1.30 a.m.

The steamship *Honam*, with the Royal party on board, steamed into port at a quarter past eight o'clock. this morning, and anchored near the western extremity of the Shameen, opposite the German Consulate.

The weather was fine but overcast. At a quarter to nine o'clock the British Consul-General at Canton, Mr. R. W. Mansfield, proceeded, in the houseboat belonging to the Commissioner of Customs, on board the Honam.

Many Europeans, including practically every member of the British community on the Shameen, and Chinese officials assembled on the quay awaiting the landing of the Royal visitors.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught, Princess Patricia, the Consul-General and the entourage stepped on shore at 9 30 a.m. and immediately took chairs for the

They were escorted by a company of Chinese soldiers, under Colonel Lec-che, which the Viceroy had sent to accompany and guard the distinguished sight-seers round the city.

After visiting various pagodas and places of interest, the party proceeded to the British yamen in the city where lunch was served.

Later on the visitors continued their exploration of the show places of Canton.

At seven o'clock to-night the Duke and Duchess and Princess Patricia, together with those attending Their Royal Highnesses will be entertained by Consul-General Mansfield to a Chinese dinner, which will be given in a flower-boat.

The boat has been moored opposite the Shameen for that purpose. Chee Leong was specially engaged as guide to conduct the visitors

through the city. Vicercy Chow Fu sent an invitation to the Duke and Duchess and the appearance.

other members of the party to an entertainment at the Viceregal yamen, but the offer was declined.

C. A. BIDDLE SENTENCED. ONE -YEAR'S-IMPRISONMENT.

· NOTICE OF APPEAL GIVEN. [From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, 11th February,

2.50 p.m. C. A. Biddle, ex-general manager and secretary of the lotel Metropole, Ld., who was found guilty of obtaining money under false pretences, was sentenced by his Honour Judge Wilfley to day to one year's imprisonment.

Notice of appeal against the decision has been given.

Application by prisoner's Counsel

INTERPORT RUGBY.

for bail was refused.

SHANGHAI v. TIENTSIN.

SUBSTANTIAL WIN FOR HOME TEAM. [From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, 15th February, 11.50 a.m.

In the interport Rugby match, which was played between Shanghai and Tientsin yesterday, the former was the winner, securing one goal and three tries.

Tientsin did not score in either.

Both teams dined afterwards at the Shanghai Club.

ALLEGED ABSCONDER

CHINESE COMPRADORE DISAPPEARS.

BARGE SUM OF MONEY MISSING. [From Our Over Correspondent.]

Shanghai, 15th February. 11.50 p.m.

It is alleged that the second compradore of the Russian bank has absconded with a large sum of money in his possession.

A DOUBTHUL CASE.

LUKONG'S EXPERIENCE_AT_A_TEA_STALL

A case which has created some doubt in the minds of those who were present at the hearing was that in which a t hinese detective, No. 247, charged Cheung King Mo, a fireman, of No. 75, Wellington Street, before Mr. C. A. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this morning, with stealing \$2 from him, this morning. Inspector Warnock watched the proceedings on behalf of the department.

At about seven o'clock this morning, the complainant said, he and another lukong, whose name or number he did not give, having finished duty and feeling very hungry went to a stall near the Central Market to have some cake and tea. While he was drinking his tea some person stepped on his feet, causing him to bend with pain. "What are you doing? Can't you see where you are going? Why don't you walk straight?" complainant said he asked the clumsy individual. He was about to put some more questions to the man when of a sudden another person rushed up to him, and snatching two \$1 bills out of his coat pocket, bolted down the road, the "clumsy individual" following. Instead of pursuing the thiel, complainant sprinted after his companion and arrested him, allowing the thief to escape. answer to a number of questions put by the Court complainant said the \$2 was found on defendant's person when arrested, but that he did not see any money change hands.

Inspector Warnock, who was listening carefully to all that complainant was saying, applied for a remand as soon as he stepped from the witness stand. He said that when the defendant was arrested it was suggested that another man stole the money and handed it to accused. The latter was sent down to a shoe maker's shop, the inspector said, and a man who had been in accused's company that morning was brought to the station. This man denied that any theft had been committed, but stated that there was a row at the tea stall between the policemen and others. Inspector Warnock said that if that was the case an adjournment was necessary in order that a sear ching inquiry should be made in reference to

His Worship fixed the next hearing unti-Monday next, releasing the accused on bai

> FIGHTING RINDERFEST. PREPARATION OF SERUM.

On the first of January, 1907, the anti-rinderthe Bureau of Science, was transferred to the Bureau of Agriculture, says the Manila Times. Under the present arrangement the Bureau of Agriculture has charge of all work pertaining to the purchase and management of the herd and the preparation of the serum, up to the point of sterilization, testing and bottling. The Bureau of Science still maintains the technical manipulation of the scrum and an arrangement has been perfected between the two bureaus by which all serum will be delivered to the Bureau of Science as soon as it has been poured from the blood clot. It will then be centrifugated to free it from all precipitates and impurities and filtered through a Pasteur filter to free it from all kinds of infections. This I of the Native Bazaar. gives a beautiful, clear serum, which is absolutely sterile, and will probably keep inde-

finitely without cold storage. The serum is being manufactured now at a rapid rate, and it is expected that in the near I future enough will be produced to inoculate ail cattle and carabaos in the islands where outbreaks of zinderpest now prevail. It is also expected to produce an additional supply to be stored away so that it can be drawn on in case of a large outbreak of the disease making its

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. _annual_meeting.

The ordinary half-yearly, meeting of at shareholders in the Hongkong and Shangh Banking Corporatio was held at the City Hall at noon, to-day, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Court of Directors together with a statement of accounts to 31st-December, the chair, Balloch, Hon. Mr. W. J. Gresson, Messrs. E. Goetz, C. R. Lenzmann, G. H. Medhurst, D. M. Nissim, A. J. Raymond, H. E. Tomkins, R. Shewan, N. A. Siebs, (directors), J. R. . Smith (chief manager), Hancock, J. C. Peter, H. E. R. Hunter, C. W. May, Henry Humphreys, D. D. Guzdar, Ur. W. Noble, A. G. Morriss, J. Orange, E. Kadoorie, W. H. Wickham, Ily Fook, Lo Cheung Shiu, Cheung Pui Kai, Ho Kom Tong, J. J. Leirin, W. H. Potts, J. M. S. Alves, Barton, R. R. Hynd, B. Layton, A. G. Wood, Capt. W. E. Clarke, Messrs. G. de Champeaux, Henry Goedecker, P. C. Potts, G. C. C. Master, A. Findlay Smith, A. C. Hynes, W. A. Cruickshank, H. Percy Smith, O. von der Heyde, Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewett, Messrs, F. B. Marshall, Dugcan Anderson, J. Barton, E. G. Barrett and others.

The Chief Manager having read the notice convening the meeting. The Chairman said :- Gentlemen,-Your Directors have again the pleasure to lay before you a half-yearly report which I am sure

you will consider satisfactory. We are glad to be able to recommend Dividend of £1. 15/- and a Bonus of £1 per share in addition.

We also propose to add \$750,000, to the Silver Reserve Fund and to carry forward the balance of \$1,721,558.90. I hope you will approve of this distribution.

Turning to the accounts our figures show comparatively little change. With the further rise in exchange it will be observed that the Silver equivalents of our Gold totals are again lower, but as these totals are taken into consideration in the working of the Bank's com- the Bank's position by the addition of \$750,000 mitments in Gold and Silver, the shrink- to the reserve fund. You have referred, Mr. age in the Silver equivalents does not affect, Chairman, to the difficulties Exchange Banks from a profit and loss point of view, the value have had to contend with during the past six at which they stand in our books. Apart from | months; we can therefore congratulate ourthis there is very, little change in either our | selves the more that our directors, managers Gold or Silver Deposits. Our Note Circulation | and staff have, notwithstanding, been able to is higher, as usual with the approach of the give such good results and tell us that the pre-Chinese New Year settlement, and wills Pay- | sent half-year has begun well. (Applause.) Our able also show an increase, to extent of \$164 | thanks are due to them for this good work and

On the other side of the Balance Sheet our | Cash and Bullion in hand and in Transit are

about \$11 Jacs higher. changed in its Silver equivalents. Consols, million to fifteen million dollars and that Colonial and other securities are likewise affected by exchange: but also, show a small rate of \$30 per share. It must be just as welreduction compared with last half year. Our holdings under this heading are liable to vary | Bank upon which their welking so much defrom time to time and it was considered advis- peeds, will be in a better position than ever to able to realize some of the stocks in view of give them proper and reasonable facilities for the condition of the home money markets to I trading. Before concluding, I should like to which I shall refer later.

Li,000,000 in Gold as a set off against our Thos. Jackson, Bart, on his return to the Silver Capital of \$10,000,000 so that the Bank | Colony. He said on that occasion that Mr. might virtually have two Capitals, one in Silver. and one in Gold, and the Sterling Reserve Well, gentlemen, the sunshine came right with the Investments held against it, were entered at the nominal exchange of 2/- on both sides of our Balance Sheet; the entries sill appear in our accounts in that form. I may mention the present market value ! (Applause.) ... Que friends in the North will, I of the securities representing the £1,000,000 is

Exchange Banking in China during the past six months has not been without its difficulties. Silver ranged in price from 29 13/16 to 33% and accounts. (Applause.) and stood at 32 5/16 on 31st. December as against 30 3/16 on 30th June. Its course was change. A sharp and appreciable advance in the value of money in England and the Continent took place in October and was immediately followed by great stringency and high rates in India. The Bank of England rate remained at 6% for the exceptionally long period of three months; on the 17th January, 1907, it was reduced to 5%; but this high level is still maintained and very dear money also pre-

vails in India. In China the reverse has been the CASE, money being exceptionally easy and plentiful, but business in this Colony suffered severely from the disastrous typhoon of the 18th September, which brought in its train a deplorable loss of life and caused great damage to vessels and cargo in the harbour and, for a time seriously inconvenienced and disorganized our shipping upon which the welfare of Hongkong

so largely depends. The course of Exchange directly affects our trade and the price of money in financial centres affects commercial transactions general-. Locally, Chinese dealers, over-estimating the probable demand, contracted heavily during the year for Yarn on a low silver basis to find an already dull further depressed by lower prices in India and the rise in Exchange in China, with the result that many failed to meet their en gagements and unsold stocks were largely increased. New Dealers are coming into the market and we may hope they will be more careful than their predecessors in discounting

the future of markets and Exchange. Shanghai and the North are also carrying heavy stocks of Yam and Piecegonds but bustness there is principally done on a sterling basis and Dealers have fortunately not committed themselves to any great extent to low exchange settlements. Cotton has also helped them by continuing a steady market, and goods on the spot cannot be replaced at the equivalent of local prices. Buyers appear to recognise this fact, and we are now able to record a greatly improved movement cargo is already going more freely to Manchuria and there is good reason to expect that the opening of the ice-bound ports next month will see a more active demand, considerably pest serum laboratory, formerly in charge of reducing stocks. Better trade in the North will no doubt be reflected here to some extent and with the assistance of moderately good Rice crops, which we can at least hope for, we should find better times ahead than we are leaving behind us.

As regards Japan, great activity has prevailed there since the close of the war resulting in a large increase in the volume of the trade both in exports and imports.

India, where we have important Branches, has produced abundant crops commanding record prices, especially so in the case of jute, and, in consequence, that Country has been a very large buyer of Silver for currency purposes in addition to the usual requirements

Gentlemen, we see a sound and satisfactory speaks for the continued efficiency of our them a bonus of 14% on their salaries.

from to your Board, will resume charge of our | ThenMrs. Pepper explained that her husband friest appreciation of the part. Sergeant Doffell Shanghai Branch at an early date. (Applause:) was a motor-boat owner, and used the houseboat was in cool, matter-of-fact hands when reprehave carefully considered the desirability and paid thent very high wages, though they detective to the life, the one, that is to say, who of sincreasing the Bank's Capital and are had but very little to do in return, and in every is brimming over with self-confidence and asthe lunanimously of repinion that ather time to way treated them very well. On Tuesday the surance. With regard to the ladies, the do so has now arrived. Since the Capital chaswain asked for three days' leave, to enable | curate's wife was a most farcinating personality was last increased in 1890 our business him to celebrate the Chinese New Year in a as portrayed by Miss C. Shelton Hooper, whose has kept pace with the expansion of Eastern fitting and becoming manner, and this was at | charm and grace could not be gainsaid. While trude, and we are satisfied that remunerative employment_will_benfoundnformincreased resources. Whatever political changes may be in store for China there can be little doubt that the altimate outcome will be a wider field for the operation of foreign capital and a consider- went up to Mr. Pepper and demanded his much to do, but she is certainly to be comable increase in oversea trade.

\$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 and the necessary very properly refused to accede to so prepost specimen of the London housekeeper. Takenas steps have been taken to get our Ordinance | terous a demand, telling him that a month's | a whole, the acting was quite satisfactory, and amended to allow of the proposed increase. In | notice was necessary, and ordered the man to | "Facing the Music" went with a vim and rush due course a special circular will be sent to | get back; to his quarters. The coxswain | that kept the audience in the greatest good Shareholders and an Extraordinary Meeting | then sprang at Mr. Pepper, and dug his | humour, a perpetual ripple of laughter passing will be called, when the resolutions necessary long nails into his face and neck, causing over the theatre. The play is by no means to obtain your sanction to the scheme will be the blood to flow. Mr. Pepper, to save the best that has been staged by the A.D.C., but put before you.

been built up with the consent of Shareholders, men, and they both fell together on to the deck. I fashion and it should certainly prove a draw. freely given. This fact has been borne in mind | As it happened a chopper was lying near at shares be fixed at £30 per share—a price which | was proceeding, so it was alleged, to cut addition to our Reserves.

These proposals will, we trust, meet with your the chopper," and then screamed for help, approval, and I hope the increased resources | and it was those screams that brought Conswill bring increasing influence and prosperity to the Pank.

start has been made for the new half year. Before moving the adoption of the Report | the police pinnace, bolted afternd sat and Accounts I shall be pleased to answer any question's that may be asked. (Applause.) There being no questions, the Chairman | ward. He was arrested, as already stated. moved the adoption of the report and ac-

Mr. Henry Humphreys said :-- Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—It is gratifying to us a l to receive again a dividend of £1.15 per share and a bonus of Lt and this, after strengthening I am sure we all approve of the bonus voted by the Board to the staff. (Applause.) It will be welcome news to shareholders to learn that the management has decided to Indian Government Rupee Paper is only increase the capital of the Bank from ten the new scrip will be issued at the favourable come to the Bank's clients to know that the say that we are all very pleased to see our With regard to the Sterling Reserve Fund, | Chief Manager, Mr. J. F. M. Smith, back again. remains unchanged. As you are aware it (Appliuse.) Many years ago it was my father's was formed with the object of holding pleasing duty, to welcome Mr. Jackson now Sim Jackson always brought sunshing with him. enough and I think we may reasonably hope that Mr. Smith's return will likewise be coincident with better trade conditions and con tinued prosperity to the Hongkong Bunk am sure, be pleased to hear that Mr. Hunter is returning amongst them, and I am equally sure we are all sorry to lose him. I have much plea

The motion was unanimously carried. :Mr. W. A. Cruickshank moved that the apmarked by extreme and rapidly recurring pointment of Mr. G. Ballock as a director be fluctuations making for unstability in Ex- confirmed and that Mr. A. Haupt, Mr. R. Shewan and Mr. A. J. Raymond be re-elected

sure in seconding the adoption of the report

Mr. de Champeaux'seconded. The motion was unanimously carried. Mr. J. Orange proposed that Mr. W. mutton Potts and Mr. A., G. Wood be re-elected audi

Mr. W. H. Wickham seconded. The motion was unanimously carried.

The Chairman: That is all the business gentlemen. I must thank you for your attend ance. Dividend warrants will be ready on Monday.

Mr. F. B. Marshall, of Amoy, said: -- Mr. Chairman, before we separate I would like to propose a vote of thanks to the directors for the attention they have given to our affairs during the past twelve months, and, Sir, I think I am voicing the feelings of other shareholders when I say so long as the Board consists of representative business men of the Colony such as I see sitting around your table we can rest assured our interests will be fully protect ed and the Bank will continue to maintain the position it now enjoys in the world of finance here in the Far East and elsewhere. (Applause, The meeting then ended.

MURDEROUS ASSAULT.

RESULT OF NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS.

There are more things going on in the harbour amongst the floating population than are dreamt of in the casual observer's philosophy, and yet many strange, and even weird tales are periodically brought to light, the last scenes in the dramas, or, more generally, tragedies, being enacted at the Magistracy or in the Criminal Sessions Court. Murders for gain, murders through jealousy, murders for no conceivable reason whatever-all have been chronicled in the columns of the local press, besides many minor offences, such as coal-stealing, fishing with dynamite, and dumping of dead bodies. But it is rarel one hears of Europeans being attacked, while in their launches, or house-boats. But the record was broken this morning, and the murder of a European very narrowly averted... The P.C. Berrie was in the police pinnece at the typhoon anchorage at Causeway Bay, in the early hours of this morning, on his usual patrol duty and keeping an eye open for dead bodies, which are so commonly dumped in that vicinity, he heard piteous cries for help. in a woman's voice—and unmistakably British voice. Constable Berr e immediately put his pinnace at full speed for the spot whence the cries proceeded, and found they came from the houseboat May, which was anchored in the Bay. Going on board the constable found. Mr. and Mrs. Pepper, the owners of the houseboat, in a great state of excitement, while Mr. Pepper was bleeding from several wounds on his face. A Chinese meat chopper was lying at his feet on the deck, and expansion of our business at all points, which at once a tragedy was scented. The coxswain of the boat was scated right aft, and had all Managers and Staff generally and I am sure the appearance of taking no interest in the you will approve of our having again voted proceedings, to which he was blandly in-

As stated in the Report your rectors a good deal. They employed two coxswains sented by Dr. J. W. Harriey. It was the stage once accorded him, and he went off, leaving Mrs. Van der Wonde, who fancied herself the the assistant, or second coxswain; in charge: wronged or ther Mrs. Smith; was remarkably Last night he returned to the houseboat, in a free from stage affectation, and acted her role condition verging on delirium tremens, and with extreme ability. Miss Marchant, as went into his own quarters. This morning he the actress from the bijou, had not very wages in full up to date, as he intended to mended for her representation. Finally Miss We propose to increase the capital from leave at once. Mr. Pepper very naturally and Lloyd Thomas, as Mrs. Ponting, was a capital his face from the poisonous nails of his assail- its humour and joviality, its rough and tumble Our large but necessary, Reserve Funds have ant, struck out an thit the latter in the abdo- fun were appreciated in the most obvious called out "Take care, he has got hold of table Berrie on the scene. Hearing his wife's cry, Mr. Pepper overpowered the coxswain and In conclusion, I am glad to say that a good | knocked the chopper out of his hand, and the latter, evidently noticing the approach of down, and made it appear that he was taking no part in the disturbance for-This morning he was placed before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, at the Magistracy, and was bound over in the sum of \$2.50 to be of good behaviour for twelve months. 'It is alleged that, since Mr. Pepper introduced his motor-boat for service in the harbour, there has been considerable ill-feeling excited amongst the sampanfolk against him, as they consider that he is cutting into their business, and on this account, it is further alleged, they have been instigating the coxswain to set fire to the houseboat May. What truth there is in these allegations cannot as yet be determined, though the swant motive in the coxswain's brutal attack would appear to lend a certain amount of colour to them. However that may be, the matter is under investigation in the right quarters.

AMATEUR THEATRICALS.

"FACING THE MUSIC" A SUCCESS. Although it could scarcely be said that the Theatre Royal was crowded last night, when the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club pre "sented the comedy "Facing the Music" for the first time, it was comfortably filled with highly appreciative audience, which included His Excellency Sir Matthew Nathan and a large representation of the Army and Navy i Hongkong. It is somewhat difficult to classify "Facing the Music," which is the creation o Mr J. H. Darnley, for it depends much more on the rictousness of the players—or the chie player, at least-than on its intrinsic merits t belongs to that class of exaggerated and elaborated farce which was at the height of its popularity a decade or more ago, and has lately gained new vitality by the success of American productions of the "Why Smith lef

"Facing the Music" obtains -- its fun from the coincidence that there are two John Saiths residing in different flats in Mona Mansions. One is a parson, a canting, old humbug who has just lately been married The Other is also a married man, but taking advantage of his wife's absence he has been having a royal time "on his own." Out al night, he arrives in a dilapidated condition before breakfast-lo a.m. to be accurate-and doubtless, quite correctly describes the symp toms of an over-night's debauch to his guest Dick Desmond:

While he was in Leicester Square the previous evening he had an adventure of sorts. lady having fallen fainting into his arms Here we have a variety of innuendoes which probably will pass unnoticed by those who know nothing of the locality in question. The lady disappears, and so does his watch and chain and a pocket-book containing £200, won on the turf. It might be interpolated here that a very amusing scene occurs at the outset when the curate of St. Andrews, the Rev. John Smith, solemnly warns the housekeeper, Mrs. Ponting, to abjure horse-racing and to "have nothing on" when the milkman calls next time

and would lead her astray by inducing her to back her fancy. During the night when the Other John Smith slept out, having lost his way in a fog. a lady describing herself as Mrs. Smith has arrived and is located in his wife's bedroom. The lady who had fallen fainting in the Other's arms in Leicester quare comes to make her apologies and hands over the pocket-book which mysteriously disappeared the previous night-she is an actress from the Bijou. By and by, the real Mrs. Smith appears, that is to say, the wife of the Other One, and it is evident that the first Mrs. Smith is the wife of the curate, who, like most of his kind, is far more fortunate in matrimony than he deserves to be.

Any theatre-goer can tell what happens as the result of this mix-up. Of course all ends happily and explanations are the lorder of the day. One defect of the comedy is the ridiculous coric tragedy when the Other Mr. Smith goes

mad over his household complications. The scene might be all very well in "King Lear, but it is absurd and puerile in "Facing the In a play like this the great thing is to keep matters humming. Feaple are not given time to consider probabilities or extraordinary coincidences; they are rushed from one scene to another, immerced in blunders and complications till they hardly know where they are The players are, consequently, continually on the mover The virility of Lt. Comm. Lloyd facts as adduced were to the effect that while Thomas who took the part of the Other Mr. between it and the other Japanese concerns. Smith admirably suited him for the tole. dashed from one place to another, flung his guest hither and thither, threatened a detective with a poker and nearly brained the dainty wife of the curate, and showed that he had a fine stock of explotives. On the whole, he sustained with vigour and much ability the character of the distracted husband, who is, apparently, being made the target of designing women. Mr. shipping industry in the Far East-already A. W. G. Watt represented the Curate of B. | hard hit by Japanese enterprise-is likely to Andrews, the Rev. John Smith. In the convencional way Mr. Watt made the curate stand with his finger-tips together and intone his remarks. He oczed good advice and homilies, at every pore. Although he had little to do, taken all in all, he shone when he had to do a steeple-chase round the room followed by the Other Mr. Smith, who believed him to be an international | that may be incorred. Whother -all /4heir criminal known as Saintly Sam. Hisflying coat- anticipations, will-be realised : remains to be tails were extremely picturesque. As Dick | seen Desmond, the guest of the bacchapalian Mr. different. When their excitement calmed down, Smith, Mr. T. C. Lethbridge was continually in A SERIOUS fire broke out on the 9th inst. at and Mr. and Mrs. Pepper were able to tell view, but his principal requirement was to Kofu (Tokaido). The fire originated in the Our esteemed Chief Manager, Mr. J. R. M. their story to the constable, the following tale laugh at his host's escapades and predicaments licensed quarter of the city; but faunce by a Smith, returned from a well-deserved holiday was unfolded. Mrs Pepper first of all asked and bear the blame of his entanglements. Mr. strong north-west wind spread rapidly. Two a few weeks ago and Mr. H. E. R. Hunter, the policeman to arrest the coxswain, and this Lethbridge was quite at home in his part. The hundred and fifty houses were consumed in whose management at the Head Office during was accordingly done, the man being ordered haughty uncle; Colonel Duncan Smith, was addition to sixty licensed premises, Fluy of Mr. Smith's absence has given every satisfac. | aboard the pinnace, where he was secured, impersonated by Mr. 1:H reMill Kendell with a the impates of the latter are missing.

Praise is due Messrs. R. Sutherland and when recommending that the price of the new hand, and this the coxswain got hold of, and John Robertson, for their work in connection with the production of the play, the former confers on Shareholders a substantial bonus | the neck of his prostrate master, when also being responsible for the scenery. The and at the same time allows for an appreciable Mts. Pepper, seeing the position of affairs, band of H.M.S. Monmonth discoursed music during the intervals, which, it may be stated; were very short.

> THE JAPAN BSB SHIPPING ---- COMBINE.

Among the numberless fresh undertakings springing up in all parts of the country, writes the Japan Chronicle editorially, none is of more general interest and importance than the Nippon Kisen Kaisha, the long talked of steam. ship combine, preliminary arrangements for the formation of which are said to be now almost complete. The general public of Japan appears to be showing great interest in the company and its prospects; but although the combine will be a large concern with a capital of Y20,000,000 it will not be necessary to place large number of shares on the market for subscription. The reason for this is that one half of the capital is to be subscribed by the ship owners who join in the company, while the greater part of the remaining Yto,oco,ooo will be taken up by the promoters, supporters, and others who are concerned in the scheme. As evidencing the public: interest in the undertaking, it is of interest to note that already applications in advance for 300,000 shares have been received from persons in all stations of life and not directly interested in the shipping industry, The enterprise being more or less of a national character, it is stated to be the desire of the promoters that as many shares as possible should be distributed amongst the outside The favourable reception at the hands of

the Japanese public of the new company at a time when shipping circles generally are experiencing inactivity appears somewhat strange at first sight, but there are reasons for it. In the first place there are circumstances in connection with the present scheme which render the company, though a new one by aname. hardly such in fact, because it is the amalgamation of the business of various established shipping concerns. Unlike many of the new undertakings which depend entirely "upon future prospects, the ippon Kisen Kaisha will be in a position to carry on business immediately on the completion of the formal preliminaries connected with the flotation;" so "that" shareholders "may expect" to receive a proper dividend of profit from the outset. As Mr. Nishikawa, one of the promoters of the new company, remarked in discussing their prospects the other day, if a shipping company could formulate a plan by which a reasonable profit could be practically guaranteed within a short space of time at a juncture when general depression is provailing throughout the trade, its foundation must of necessity be said to be placed on a solid basis. If, for instance, the new company could estimate with any degree of certainty, a dividend of 6 per cent, at a time when one of the hitherto leading companies is paying no dividend at all, the new venture could be looked to for a 16 per cent, dividend while the other would be only paying to per cent.

It would certainly seem from a cursory view of the prospects that there should be a good future for the Nippon Kisen Kaisha, but it is inadvisable to regard it too optimistically. The keen competition that is sure to follow between the new and the older companies, together with the foreign vessels, has to be considered: and there are many shippers who would be disposed to support those undertakings with which they are acquainted and which have stood the test of experience. In this connection it is worthy of note that in the China coastal trade the combine will have a formidable rival in the Nisshin Kisen Kaishar particulars of the formation of which appear in another column to-day. It is pointed out, however, that the business infitthe Nippon Kisen Kaisha will be carried on on a different plan- to that adopted by the other companies; for whereas they, generally speaking, principally engage is the passenger service, it is intended by the combine to make: the cargo-carrying trade its, chief, business...

At present in connection with the local as well as the foreign services of the principal-IJapanese steamship companies calls are only made at the most important ports, just as the express trains stop at certain stations only and pass through many of the smaller; places." .. It is believed by the promoters of the new steamthip onnern that a large welumeref thurisass can be created by the steamers calling at smallports at present almost entirely neglected-by Ithe existing companies.

That one of the aims of the new undertaking is to compete severely with some of the foreign steamers trading in Far Eastern waters, possibly ousting them out, there can be little doubt, and the competition between the Nippon Kisen Kaisha and the foreign shipping companies is sure to be even keener than that The promoters point out that rice from Siam and Rangoon, sugar from Java, phosphatic rock from the Pacific Islands, etc., are all. at present imported to Japan by foreign steamers. and it is such trade that the Nippon Kisen Knisha seeks to develop and promote. So that while the competition with the existing Japanese lines is likely to be keen, the foreign I receive a further blow by the formation of the Nippon Kisen Kaisha. The promoters anticipate succession, this direction by reason of more economical working. than ... can , be employed on the foreign resiels, and also on account of the anticipated Government bounty -by which they hope to make good any losses

OUR ROYAL VISITORS.

OFF TO CANTON.

WEARY WAITING AT BLAKE PIER.

oth February.

A chill wind blew from the ice-clad fields of the north last night as crowds made their way to the Praya to bid what must be considered practically farewell to the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and Princess Patricia. The sky was overcast and rain threatened every moment. Still people lived in hope of witnessing a regular water carnival, in which the native craft would outdo themselves. And while the 'coolies stood up and shivered along the water front in the vicinity of Blake Pier, the more aristocratic wandered to seats in the grandstands, and remained there with their teeth rattling a fandango. Others walked along the Praya on the outlook for the unrehearsed incidents which invariably occur on such occasions; and they did not got away unrewarded.

As the Harbour-master had issued a circular for the benefit of the junk-masters and sampan coolies stating that Hongkong expected every one to do his duty, and illuminate his craft infrom 9.45 till or p.m., it was expected that the Royal party would embark about 10 o'clock. Time passed but there was no sign of the travellers. The Honam lay along the end of Blake Pier, the lower promenade of the vessel being hung with Chinese lanterns. Now and again a spark of rain, spluttered down. A spasmodic cracker went off with a feeble half-hearted crack. Past Blake Pier there was nothing but gloom and darkness. The wharves were described and wind-swept. All the Canton night boats had already left on their usual One little launch with about five lanterns and ten cents' worth of crackers which were popped singly, to signify the economical e instincts of the master, vainly tried to attract attention. Looking towards the hills there was nothing to be seen, but dense overhanging clouds; a murky, miserable night, promising great things for the weak and rheumatic. With the solitary exception of the premises occupied by Wing Kee & Co., the naval contractors, there was no attempt at Illumination. 'There a big screen bore the device: "T. R. H. Au Revoir," and in front of the building a bunch of coolies waited, Oriental Micawbers all, for something to turn up. Huddled in rags and alleged blankets, groups of Indian watchmen and stevedore coolies restlessly woold sleep. About ten o'clock two or four guns were fired.

asif by accident, pourpasser le temps as, it wore. The growd cheered up a little; those in the boxes gathered their wraps a trifle closer and confidentially told each other: "Now they're coming?" It was a false alarm. Once again they hid behind the back of the broadest individual in front of them and wondered and kept. on shivering. The Indian policemen, who guarded the road at twenty feet intervals. stamped their feet and thought of home and · beauty. A misguided sampan man ignited five crackers at once mistake, and promptly smote his youngest but one. Somebody declared that the procession was in sight at last Nothing doing.

Things began to get monotonous and would have got more so, had not Wing Kee & Co., with great presence of mind, inaugurated a pyrotechnic display for the benefit of all and sundry-mostly sundry. There were several large rockets and as nobody knew exactly where they would fall the excitement became intense. One would whize five yards in the Kowloop direction, then turn a comercant and land in the thicken of the awe-struck coolies. It was highly diverting and worth the entrance. money. Another would spring sky high and return with a thud on the ground before the explosion took place. Two coolies were keeping themselves warm by abusing each other. An immense rod and rocket fell between them and gave them the time of their lives. Dodging the tocket proved a lively game, but it was disitess. ing to hear embryo incendiaries expressing the hope that one would alight on the Post Office matsheds and heat the atmosphere.

About this time a variety of people discovered that they had very important business, which they had nearly forgotten, place not five minutes away from Blake Pier. The scramble was infectious: it 'was' simply lamentable to learn that so many absent-minded beggars existed in Hongkong. Certainly they returned within the allotted time, but that was no reason why they should have looked so happy and almost jovial. The others who had remained at their post were simply disgusted at the unseemly exhiliration of the backsliders.

Somewhere in the region of a quarter to eleven o'clock-some people had been there since 9.30—a searchlight sprang into life. It was followed by a dozen more from the menof war in the harbour, and this was hailed as a good omen. The threads of light wove quaint patterns in the clouds, and anon illuminated the pallid faces of the crowd on the Praya. The operators were humorists, for they whirled the machine hither and thither with apparent abandon, but always managed to dazzle the eyes of the spectators at the most unexpected

moment. Some red-coated coolies with luggage, the Royal party's, appeared on the Pier and were wildly cheered, which they accepted as a modest tribute to their worth. Long pause ! Crackers continued to crack sporadically, and occasionally a rocket would discharge a shower of stars in the air. The lights on the mosquito flotilla ranged symmetrically along the harbour, about a hundred feet from the

wharf, twinkled like wills-o'-the wisp, "At last, there was a real cheer and it was discovered that the Rayal excursionists were approaching. It was just eleven o'clock. The Duke and Duchess and Princess Patricia walked from their chairs to the Honam, the others following, Sir Paul Chater and Mr. T. F. Hough accompanied the visitors to the gangway and waited till the Honam moved off, which was the work of a few seconds. Thenwhere there had been stillness and peace, the crackers, bombs and shells snorted and spluttered by the hundred. Wing Kee & Co. outshone themselves with great strings of fireworks, which hung down the whole length of their building and exploded with terrific bangs. A jaunty little launch, evidently in official hands, hooted and shouted in the most grand-motherly tones, as if to say: "Now. and don't break your neck adoin' of it." Some sampan man fired off a portion of the crackers with which they had been supplied and philosphically decided to keep the rest for Chinese New Year's Day. In a few minutes it was all over the Chinese lanterns on the

proved his innocence and was allowed to go, about half-past five. In the evening a dinner | made. Two policemen raced to the Fire Station and [was served in honour of the Royal visitors on

had gone.

went away disappointed. No sign of the was very fair. Brigade to be seen and, like Penys, "so to

THE SEND OFF.

It is proposed to send out decorated steam launches, as an escort, while the s.s. Delta, with the Royal party on board, proceeds down the harbour, to-morrow. If a sufficient number turn up, they will be formed into two lines, from about amidships of the Delta, and will steam with her in line. Upon reaching Green Island the launches will stop, execute a turn, and at a given signal will give prolonged blasts on their whistles, those on board cheering the while, until the Delta is well away, when the launches will return to their ordinary moor ings in the harbour. Thus will end the long expected visit of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and the Princess Patricia, who carry away with them the best wishes of all for a safe voyage home.

THE VISIT TO SINGAPORE.

." A MULTIPLICITY OF ADDRESSES.

In Singapore, the welcome to the Royal visitors was equally as enthusiastic as it was in Hongkong. Perhaps the Southern Settlement lends itself more readily to decorative effects than Hongkong, for the account of the embellishments, which included a triumphal arch. are extremely interesting," as related by the Singapore Free Press. On landing, the Ducal party proceeded to the Memorial Hall where His Royal Highness received addresses from the Municipality, the Chamber of Commerce, the Mohammedans, the Chinese and the Indians. The Duke, in practically every case, took the opportunity of referring to the commercial prosperity of the Settlement. We call from our contemporary a few extracts taken from the replies given by His Royal Highness to the addresses.

MUNICIPAL ENTERPRISE.

In the course of his reply to the welcome from the Municipal Commission the Duke said: "It is a great pleasure to us to again visit your shores, and to notice the great and steady improvements in your harbour accommodation and docks, and I am informed, and congratulate you thereon, on the still greater improvements which you are contemplating. It is always a satisfaction to note that municipal authorities march with the times and while studying economy fearlessly undertake what is necessary for the well-being of the community , in whose interests they act."

PROSPERITY OF THE SETTLEMENT. Acknowledging the address from the Chamber of Commerce, His Royal Highness remarked: For my own part, I may assure you what made the wind so bleak. The coolies | it is a great pleasure to renew my acquaintance with the Straits Settlements and to congratulate you on your commercial prosperity. It is very gratifying to hear of the progress of the ti industry, and that this metal commands a good price, and a steady market. His Majesty the King Emperor, who takes the greatest interest in his Far Eastern dominions, will be greatly pleased when I inform him of the continued prosperity of this Settlement, and I may express his wishland my own that this satisfactory state of affairs may long continue."

THE CHINESE COMMENDED. The Duke was especially complimentary in replying to the address from the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, remarking:-" It is a great satisfaction to me to receive at your hands the loyal address you have just haided to me as the representatives of the Chinese. His Majesty the King Emperor of the British nation will be pleased to hear from the large and important community you represent, that you so fully appreciate the impartiality of the Government and the justice of English laws. It is a peculiar pleasure to me to see for myself how contented you are and how rich you become under the British flag. I hear everywhere, and indeed I have always known, what an industrious lawabiding community you are, and I am glad to know also your efforts meet with such success and how you have your full share of the continued prosperity of the commercial enterprises of this Settlement. It will be a great satisfaction to the King Emperor to hear of this prosperity and content, and the loyal expression contained in the address I now have much pleasure in accepting."

RECEPTION AND DEPARTURE. The other addresses received similar ap-

proval. The Duchess of Connaught thereafter set in motion the clock and chimes which had been presented to the Victoria Memorial Hall by the Straits Trading Company, at a cost of \$10,000. The school children presented bouquets to the Duchess and Princess Patricia and there was a reception of Malay Sultans. A luncheor followed and in the afternoon the Royal party returned to the Delhi, which left for Hongkong on the 2nd inst.

> ROYALTY AT CANTON. [From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 9th Feb., 10.30 p.m. T.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, Princess Patricia and party arrived here at eight o'clock this morning on the specially chartered steamer Honom. The party landed on the Shameen a little past nine o'clack and proceeded to the British Consulate, where they were received by the Consul General. Chairs having been procured and the Consul having placed his chair at H. R. Highness's disposal, the party made a start for the city at half-past nine. II.E. the Viceroy sent . Mo. Li Chi, Wei-ynen of Foreign Affairs and s body of Chinese foreign drilled troops, as a bodyguard, to accompany the royal party on their visit of sight-seeing. Capt. Lum was in charge of another body of soldiers, which accompanied the royal visitors. The British Consul General also accompanied the party. The first place visited was the Wah Lum monastery, where they inspected the temple of the five hundred genii and other sights in the western suburb. Then harbour suddenly became alive with light and | the party proceeded to the Eight Districts' Assoclamour. Flares arose from every vessel, ciation Hall. The Royal visitors entered the rockets circled in the air and exploded city by the Tai Ping gate and T. . H, did some ferociously, the search lights played a de- shopping at Tai Sun street, where they purlirious phantasy on the clouds, and Chinese | chased a large quantity of ivory ware, jadestone ware and curios. Then the party proceeded to the British Consul's yamen, inside the city, attached to the Tartur General's vamen, where they were entertained at tiffin by the Consul. Afterwards a photograph was taken of the party; in the court yard of the yamen. After tiffin, start was made in the direction of the Northern Gate then. eget out of the gentleman's way, Upon arrival at the Gate, the party ascended the City wall and H. R. H. saw several cannon of ancient type, which were placed there for defence purposes, long ago. After this the party went to visit the five storied Pagoda on the Kuan Yin hill. The party left the city by the Western Gate at about half past three o'clock Honam were extinguished and the Royal party | and proceeded again to the Western suburb, and paid a visit to the private garden of Chung Sik A policeman saw some smoke issuing from | Wong, a Chinese Hanlin, About half past four a building in course of construction near the o'clock in the afternoon the party arrived at Praya and frantically blew his whistle. A Sai Hing Street, where T.R.H. did some more coolie, who also had a whistle, aided him with | shopping, and bought sundry silk embroideries another blast and was immediately arrested on | and piece goods. Finally, the party returned a charge of stealing a police whistle. He to the British Consulate on the Shameen at

a detective climbed a licketty stair. to have a I flower boats moored near the Shameen Bund. look at the fire. I there ever was a fire it had The party did not leave Canton until ten o'clock gone out, so everybody except the contractor at night. The weather throughout the day

11th February.

CLOSING SCENES. The Royal visit has ended. Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess and Princess Patricia of Connaught have come, and left to settle back into the even tenour of its way-u, til the next excitement comes along to stir us out of it. The entire party had a busy by his suite, inspected the troops in garrison, T.R.H. the Duchess and Princess, accompanied by Captain Coleman, A.D.C., and Mr. R. A. B. Ponsonby, Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, Sir Matthew Nathan, K.C.M.G., inspected the shops of the Colony, and now they are having a period of rest preparatory to a renewal of their labours, on arrival in Singapore.

visitors to Canton have already been fully reported in these columns on Saturday evening. by telegram from our special correspondent in the Southern capital. After the dinner-party on board the flower-boat, the Royal visitors proceeded on board the s.s. Honam. for the return trip to Hongkong, at 10.30 p.m. on Saturday night, when that vessel immediately got under way, and proceeded down the river. She did not get very far down before Captain H. D. Jones, in command, observed a heavy fog-bank a short distance ahead. which is not unusual at this time of the year. and as there was nothing else for it, he at once decided to anchor, and wait till the for lifted. This decision was carried into effect without delay, the Honant being thus held gather once more at Blake Pier, including members of the Reception Committee, and somewhat hastened in their movements by an | security of life and property in the unpleasant drizzle which then to began fall. At noon, however, on the Honam being signas approaching the harbour, the eager sight-seers once again concentrated upon the Praya, with Blake Pier as their objective. Slowly and majestically the Honam barking. On the Pier to welcome the Royal mittee, Lieut, C. Wm. Beckwith, R.N. (Harbour Master), The Hon. Mr. W. Chatham (Director of Public Works), Mr. D. R. Law, Mr. H. W. Lopker, Mr. G. H. Medhurst, Mr. R. Shewan, Mr. H. E. Tomkins and Mr. T. F. Hough, hon, Committee, The Hop. Dr. Ho Kai, C.M.G., the Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk, Mr. Ho Fook, Mr. Ho Kom Tong, Mr. She Po Sham, Mr. Poon Yan Chuen, and Mr. U Hoi Chow.

Their oyal Highnesses, on reaching the calls for particular comment, but should any Pier, were approached by the above gentlemen, with whom they shook hands, the latter wishing them God-speed, and a safe voyage, while the Royal Standard was unfurled and set floating to such breeze as there was, and which, while chilly, was very fitful-in marked contrast with the grand weather experienced on the date of the Royal arrival. After a few minutes' conversation with the military officers present, and the members of the Committees, the Royal visitors, embarked on the launch Victoria, and were just about to proceed across the harbour to the P. and O. s.s. Delta, on which they make the first portion of the return voyage, when His Excellency the Governor, Sir Matthew Nathan, K.C.M.G., accompanied by Mr. R. A. B. Ponsonby, came down the Pier, and, joining the Royal Party on the Victoria, proceeded with them to the s.s. Delts. As the Victoria cast off and proceeded, Mr. T. F. Hough called for three cheers for the departing Royal Visitors which were given with right good will by those assembled in the vicinity. No time was lost after the Royal Party got on board the ss. Delta, which cast off her moorings shortly after 130 p.m. and started on her Westward run, being followed by 16 gaily dressed launches, ranged up in two lines, which accompanied the vessel as an escort as far as Junk Bay, the Delta, to the surprise of all, electing to proceed by Lycemoon Pass. Before dropping astern and allowing the Delta to proceed quietly on her way the launches tooted their final salutes in long blasts on their steam whistles, while the French cruiser Alger. alone, fired a salute, as the Delta passed into the misty distance, the launches which had formed her temporary escort returned to their usual berths in the harbour,

Incidentally, in connection with the Royal trip to Canton, we learn that Their Royal Highnesses, the Duke and Duchess, and Princess Patricia, expressed their entire satisfaction with all the arrangements carried out by the Hongkong Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, Ld., for their comfort on this trip, under the experienced and able supervision of Captain W. F. Clarke, secretary to the Company, who himself accompanied the s.s. Honam to Canton and back, to see that all went well, and Captain H. D. Jones, the commander of the vessel. His Royal High ness the Duke mentioned that, to mark their pleasure, on his return to England he wil forward a special souvenir to Captain H. D. lones, master of the s.s. Honam, as a memento of the pleasant trip to and from Canton. There can be no doubt that when it was finally arranged that the Poyal visitors would go to Canton, there could have been no better selection for the Royal trip than the Hongkong Canton and Macao Steamboat Company's Honam, which admirably adapts itself to transformation for occasions of this sort, owing to the excellence of the internal arrangements, and the saloon accommodation generally.

SHANGHAI'S DISAPPOINTMENT. Voicing what would have been the unanimous wish of the British Community at Shanghai, had it been put before them, the local Committee of the China Association recently sent a. telegram to H. E. Sir Matthew Nathan Governor of Hongkong, asking his good offices in an endeavour to induce T. R. H. the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and Princess Patricia to visit Shanghai. The invitation was forwarded to the Royal party at Singapore and on the 6th inst. the Chairman of the China Association receive ed the following telegram from the Duke's A. D. C., Major-General Sir John Maxwell: Hongkong, February 6.

His Royal Highness thanks you for invitation to visit Shanghai. Regrets that impossible accept owing to arrangements already

Sir John Maxwell.

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAU! ferred might be abused by subordinate officers. STBAMBOAT CO., LTD.

HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS.

The eighty-first ordinary half-yearly meeting of shareholders in the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ld., was held at the office of the Company, Hotel Mansions, at 12 seen and gone again, and Hongkong has been | o'clock, noon, on the 12th inst. There were present :- Messrs. E. Goetz (Chairman), N. A. Siebs, A. Haupt, F. A. Gomes, C. Lenzmann, C. Thiel, W. A. Cruickshank, Shewan time, for, while H.R.H. the Duke, accompanied | (Directors); Captain W. E. Clarke, (Secretary); Messrs, A. H. M. da Silva, P., C. Potts,

> . W. Noble and others. The ecretary having read the notice convening the meeting,

F. Ellis, E. J. Moses, G. de Champeaux, Dr.

The Chairman said :- Gentlemen,-Since last meeting it is the painful duty of your Board to record the death of our late Secretary, Mr. Thomas Arnold, who died very sud-The main features of the trip of the Royal | denly on the 20th October last. Your directors regret that the holiday so well deserved after such a long term of service in the Company should have been thus quickly ended. I he report and accounts having been in your hands for some days, we will, with your permission, take them as read. Turning to the report we refer to the disastrous effects of the typhoon of 16th September in the total disablement of so many of the best vessels of the fleet which caused your directors much concern and anxiety. However, it is now our pleasant duty to say that all the Company's vessels are again in first class rupning order. The expense, as you will see by a perusal of the accounts, has been very great, and in the forthcoming halfyear we have to face the cost of repairs and alterations to the steamer Houngshan. Beyond in a sale position. While the tog horns I this nothing exceptional need be noted at pregave out their warning signals periodically. sent. The Working Agreement between the The Honom remained at anchor for six hours, | China Navigation Company, Limited, and this until the fog lifted sufficiently to permit of her | Company was arranged at the close of the year proceeding on her way with any degree of when the old agreement expired, and carries safety. This it eventually did, and then it with it many advantages to the general comwas "up anchor and away." However, owing | bine. The two new vessels purchased for the to the log which still hung rather heavily, the | Macao Service by which we hope to obtain a vessel was obliged to proceed very slowly and | fairer share of the trade besides offering better cautiously, thus only arriving in Hongkong at | facilities to shippers and the travelling public, 12,30 pm. instead of 8 a.m., as was expected to lare working very well, being more economical be the case. From 9 a.m. crowds began to | in coal consumption than the one steamer previously engaged on the line. The earnings of the Cauton-Wuchow line have fallen off greatly Chinese sub-committee, but shortly after 10a.m., | during the, period under review, the cause of there being no sign of the Honan: approach | which, in the opinion of your directors, is ing, the crowd gradually me ted away, being | largely due to piracy and | eneral want o

The claim of the Company and the oint Owners for consequential loss against the Chinese Government for the acts of piracy committed on board the steamer Salnam in july of last year have, we regret to say, been proceeded through the harbour, flying the | rejected by the British Foreign Office. The Union Jack at the fore, and proceeded to her | claims for actual loss and for those of officers temporary berth at Blake Pier, alongside of and crew are still unsettled. Further reprewhich she moored at five minutes past one | sentations have been made with a view of p.m., Their Royal Highnesses at once disem. | reaching a final issue. Turning to the accounts, you will notice that, as is usual, we have party on their return, from Canton, and to adjusted the value of share investments held speed them on their departure, were Sir Paul | by the Company in accordance with the Chater, C.M.G., Chairman, Reception Com- | quotations current at the end of the year. The large item of sundry debtors is explained by the fact that the amount of \$35,673.49 is for insurance premia for 1907, claims in course o collection and refund of insurance on steamers Fatshan and Tak Hing which was not renewed. secretary, besides representatives of the Chinese | All properties mortgaged to the Company have heen surveyed and revalued by the Company's surveyors. Mess s. Palmer and Turner, and the loans show a satisfactory margin of safety. do not think that there is anything class that

two Provinces of Kwangtung and Kwang

shall have much pleasure in answering any questions. There being no questions, gentlemen, I beg to propose the adoption of the report and statement of accounts as presented.

shareholder require any further information

Dr. J. W. Noble seconded. The Chairman:—It is proposed by myseli and seconded by Dr. Noble that the report and statement of accounts presented be passed. Alt in favour please signify in the usual manner, Carried unanimously.

Mr. Mases proposed the confirmation of Mr C. Thiel as a director.

Mr. Potts seconded, and it was carried. On the motion of Mr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Ellis, the retiring auditors; Messrs A. O D Gourdin and W. H. Potts, were re-elected for

the ensuing half-year. The Chairman:— hat concludes the business of the meeting, gentlemen. Dividend warrants are now ready and may be obtained upon application. Thank you for your attend-

HUMPHRKYS ESTATES. ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS.

9th inst. 'The annual general meeting of the shareholders of Humphreys Estate and Finance Company, Ltd., was held in the office of the general managers, Messrs, J. D. Humphreys and Son, Alexandra Buildings, at noon to-day. Mr. Penry wamphreys presided, and there were present Messrs. A. G. Wood, J. Scott Invision and J. A. Jupp, disectors; F. H. Sharp, . F. Wright, J. M. Manhinnett, F. W. Stopleton, J. Arnold and E. Seth, secretary.

The secretary read the notice calling the

The Chairman said:-Gentlemen, I propose with your permission, to take, the report and statement of accounts as read. There is not much in the assets and liabilities that calls for explanation. Accounts receivable and sundry creditors both show a big decrease, viz.;— \$134,151.60 in the case of the former and \$104,979.08 in the case of the latter. This simply means that the company has not been lebding to its full capacity or utilizing its credit to the utmost, the condition of affairs prevailing throughout the year necessitating extreme caution. Insurance reserve fund has been increased by the addition of \$4,3'4.17 which represents the value of expired risks underwritten by ourselves. Turning to the profit and loss account, rents show an increase of \$16,702.83. Unfortunately, the company had a number of its Kowloon houses vacant during a considerable portion of the year, otherwise the increase would have been larger. Interest shows a falling off of \$18,951.61 which is accounted for by mortgages being paid off and the rates of interest for the year ruling lower than during 1905. The amount figuring on the debit side of the account under the heading of repairs is, we regret to say, abnormally high, for which the disastrous typhoon which swept over the Colony on September 18th last is responsible. The force of the wind was felt more at Kowloon, where nearly all your property is situated. Ammonia reserve account....... than in any other part of the Colony. The condition of property generally has not been satisfactory for the past two years. In some places, and this applies more particularly to Chinese property, there has been an actual depreciation of from 30 to 35 per cent, partly due, so doubt, to bad times, but in a great | Land, buildings, plant measure to the manner in which the very drastic Health Ordinance of 1903 has been enforced. When that measure was being considered by the Legislative Council the principal landlords in the Colony foresaw that the very wide powers which were being con-

In addition they draw the attention of the Government to the injustice of certain of its provisions as well as to the obscurity, ambiguity and the impossibility of working of many of its clauses. Though considerably modified and again amended within a few months of its conception, the bill as it now stands has been n force for about three and a half years. Although landlords had from the first grave misgivings as to the baneful effect the bill would have on property, their worst fears have fallen short of the actual result. For instance, t was thought that the overcrowding clauses, while lessening the value of central properties by decreasing the number of cubicles, and consequently the available accommodation, would exercise a beneficial influence upon suburban property at East Point, West Point and Kowloon. Extensive building operations were commenced before the bill became law in these neighbourhoods, with a view to accommodating the population which would have to be ejected from the central districts, but so far as can be judged from the number of empty Chinese tenements available and the latest census returns, this population, instead of being driven into these suburbs, as was anticipated, has to a great extent been driven out of the Colony altogether. Whether t will ever return, time alone will show, meanwhile the Government might be well advised to pause in its rigid enforcement of an Ordinance, which itself begotten of panic, has, in a great measure; been the means of creating something 'like further panic until such time as the Com-. mission now sitting sends in its report. Before moving the adoption of the report and statement of accounts, I shall be pleased to answer any questions shareholders may have to ask,

No questions were asked, and the Chairman moved the adoption of the report and accounts. Mr. Sharp-In seconding that motion would simply say there can be no doubt whatever that the directors have done their very best during the past year to meet the difficulties which you have so clearly set forth in your report. It evidently has not been altogether a satisfactory year, but the causes have not been due to any fault of the directors. There is no doubt whatever that the very best has been done under the circumstances, and I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report. But I might, I think, take this opportunity of calling the attention of the Board—although their personal interest, migh lie the other way, they will be sure to receive it with kind consideration-and that is the fact that in a year of depression, as this has been, the amount that goes out for the management and for the directors' fees, though no doubt well deserved in many respects, is a very serious drawback and a very serious amount. only throw this out for the thoughtful consideration of the Board whether in future years the expenses, which are now doubl ed, and by the Articles of Association approved of, but really take a very large bite out of the "annual profits, might be reduced. I refer to the directors' expenses and the expenses of the general management Whether I am in order in throwing out that suggestion is a malter for the Board's consideration, but I think the shareholders have every confidence in the Board in the future as in the past and present, but if the expenses of management could in any way be reduced, especially in times of depression, it would meet the approval of the shareholders.

The Chairman-I might mention, in reply o your remarks, as to the cost of management being excessive, that the remuneration to the directors is, as you said, provided by the Articles, and is very much less than obtains in the other great companies such as the Land Investment Company. Speaking for myself, as one of the general managers, I would not be prepared to take less remuneration than I am getting. You see, the \$8,000 allowed the general management for offices, secretary's salary and clerks and so on is not excessive in any way Fossibly, the general managers may make a little profit out of that, but it was intended at the time the allowance was made that the should do so. For instance, \$7,000 which is all the general managers have got in fees, would be a very poor remuneration indeed for the time and trouble they have given to the company. As regards the directors, if you wish it I will bring the matter under their consideration at the next Board meeting. Unless

vou wish it otherwise. . Mr. Sharp - I don't for a moment suggest i is excessive or make any proposal, but only throw it out that it is a very serious bite out of the profits in a time of depression.

consider it. The report and accounts were then un-

The Chairman - No doubt the directors will

animously adopted The Chairman moved the re-election of the retiring directors, Messrs, A. G. Wood, J. S. and Ho Tung.

Mr Stapleton seconded and the motion was carried. The Chairman—With regard to the appointment of auditors, Mr. Gaskell is shortly leaving the Colony and has resigned the auditorship, so that it will only be necessary for you, to re-elect Mr. W. Hutton Potts. Before next meeting takes place the Board of directors will

Hutton Potts. Mr. Sharp seconded. The Chairman: That is all the business, gentlemen. Dividend warrants will be ready

appoint another director to the company.

on Monday morning.

THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY

LIMITED.

The twenty-sixth annual report is as follows:— The general managers have pleasure in submitting a statement of the Company's accounts for the year 1906.

Including \$3,776.31 brought forward from the previous year, and after deducting \$20,000 paid as an interim dividend of \$4 per share, the balance at credit of profit and loss 'account is \$143,836.81 which it is recommended should be appropriated as follows:-

Provision for contingencies 25,000.00 To write off properly a/c 24.475.35 \$143,836,81

General Managers. Hongkong, Lith February, 1907. BALANCE SHEEF 31ST DECEMBER, 1906. Capital, 5,000 shares of \$25 each... 125,000.00 Accounts payable.....

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

\$168,936,02 (Contraction)

Provision for contingencies...... Profit and loss account...... 143,836.81

and machine yas per last accounts\$198,936.01 Less written off per last report. 30,000.00

Add cost of further ex-- 174,475.35 Hongkong Fire Insurance Co. share as per last account 225.00 China Fire Insurance Co. share, as per last account Canton Insurance Office share," as per last account..... Cash in hand..... 286.30 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank on current account...... 12,469.03 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank on Mortgages 00.000.00 Outstanding accounts 7.711.16 Accounts receivable 1,924.51 Ice in Stock Coal in Stock..... Fire insurance, unexpired premium, \$367,804.98 PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT. For the Year ended 31st December, 1906. To General managers' commission, \$ 2,000.00 To Auditor's Fee. 2,150.00 To Interim dividend of 16% paid on and August, 1906...... 20,000.00 To Balance, 143,836;8: \$ 164,986,81

and taxes paid), 2,22635 By Interest and dividends By Transer fees.

last year...... 3,776.31

ges, less working expenses..... 153,697.89

By Balance brought forward from

By Ice sales and cold storage char-

By Rents received (less Crown rents

A POINT FOR SHIPMASTERS. EXCESS OF PASSENGERS A MISDEMEANOUR

Mr. C. A. D. Melbourne gave his reserved decision at the Police Court this morning on the point of law which was raised yesterday by Mr. P. W. Goldring when the captain of the steamship Telemachus was summoned by Detective Sergeant Wilden, of the Water Police Station, for failing to stop his vessel on the 10th January last when called upon to do so by the police. The decision was in favour of the police. The point to be decided was whether the police could stop a ship without suspecting that a "felopy or'a misdemeanour" was being committed on board. At the last hearing Mr. Goldring, who appeared for the captain of the Tèlemuchus, contended that to stop a ship the police must suspect that a "felony or misdemeanour" was being or about to be committed e submitted that the intention; of the police in signalling to the Telemachus to stop was because they thought she was carrying an excess of passengers: Carrying excess of passengers was not a "felony or misdemeanour" and therefore the police had no case,

When the matter was called on this morning his Worship said that the question he had to decide was whether it was a felony or a misdemeanour. He held that carrying an excess of passengers was a misdemeanour. Authorities were then quoted by the Court. "The Digest of Criminal Law" (Stephen) page VII, read: "Disobedience to any statutory order is, generally speaking a m'sdemeanour, but a book which comprised all statutory orders would be nearly co-extensive with the statute book itself" Page 8 of the same authority reads thus :- Every crime is other treason, felony or misdemeanour, Every crime which amounts to treason or felony is so denominated in the definitions of crimes. All crimes not so denominated are misdemeanours."

Mr. Goldring said that such might be the case, but it was not according to the section under which the 'ummons was taken out, ' His Worship tated that mirdemeandur was: a punishable offence by law. That was how

he read it. Mr. Goldring .- Your Worship is against me. That settled the point, and the summons against the captain of the Telemachus will be taken on the return of the ship to this port,

ATTEMPTED HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

CHINESE PRIEST ILL-TREATED.

A very bold attempt to commit highway robbery was perpetrated on the Shau-ki-wan-Road last night when a native priest was "held Van Buren, J. Scott Harston, H. A. W. Slade | up nand cruelly ill-treated by a person who had previously invited him to come to his fishing boat to perform certain religious rights on his behalf. The priest, who is an old man, lives at No. 111, Shau-ki-wan West, and is a well known personality in that district. At about nine o'clock last night, a man, who called himself Au Tam Tak, a fisherman, called at the priest's house and begged him to go with him to his flibling craft, which was anchored at Sai Wan 11au. a matter of a mile away, to pray for his brother who was dangerously ill. The priest agreed, Mr. Jupp moved the re-appointment of Mr. and both started for the boat, the fisherman leading the way with a lighted lantern. After about twenty minutes walk, near a clump of trees, he noticed that the fisherman's lantern had been extinguished. It was while feeling

in his pockers for a box of matches to hand his companien that the priest was attacked. A sudden blow on the chest, followed by a kic brought down the unfortunate priest. While on the flat of his back on the foad "his assailant subbed black pepper in his eyes, and when his fighting ardour had evaporated the highwayman started to go through his pockets. A dangerous man on top of him and the billing ing sensation in his eyes did not tend of weat the priest's mouth for his cries of "Helb." "Save life" were heard some distance away by a young fisherman who was on his way to Shau-ki-wan. Recognising the voice of the priest, the fisherman ran down the A final dividend of \$18 per share .. \$90,000.00 road and on turning round a sharp corner saw the cause of the trouble. With and hands working simultanedusly he sailed into the highwayman, who was soon overpowered. He was then removed to the police station, where, on making inquiries, it was learnt that the prisoner was no fisherman

at all, but had only assumed that title to rob the priest. Inspector Robertson arraighed him before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, at the Phice Court, this morning, on a charge of attempted highway robbery, which charge he denied. The priest was then put in the withher stand to tell his story. Before he could be interrogated the attention of those in Court was crawn to the withest for smoke was seen issuing from the sleeves of the priest's long coat. Somebody muriculed "Turn in an alarm," the Court said, "Take him

ed—a smouldering sleeve, containing a lighted cigarette, which the witness hastily thrust all ina glow, up his sleeve as he entered the Court. When the excitement had subsided the case was begun. The evidence was very conclusive, and his Worship sent accused to gool for Your months and to be exhibited in the stocks for four bours.

outside," but disregarding all this Inspector

Robertson made for the priest and exclosursh.

S.S. "WONGKOI" REFLUATED. PROCEEDING TO HONGKONG.

A private telegram has been received in the Colony stating that the N. D. L. s.s. Wongkoi, which stranded at Capt. Varella some weeks since, has been refloated. The Wongkot i proceeding to Hongkong under her own steam

S.S. "Wongkoi" in Port.

Shortly after 3 p.m. on the 12th inst., the s.s. Wongkos steamed into the harbour under convoy of the salvage steamer Protector. The Wongkoi was stranded at Cape Varella, and has since been refloated by the Protector with whose expert crew of salvagers not a single undertaking has yet failed of complete success The Wongkei steamed into port with her ow engines and is now lying alongside the quay a Hunghom awaiting agents' instructions before docking for survey and repairs.

THEFT OF A PROMISSORY NOIE.

WIDOW SENT TO GAOL

After innumerable adjournments the case against the widow, Chan Sze, pending for over three weeks, came to a conclusion at the Police Court, 'vesterday afternoon. The charge against the widow, who until her arrest resided at the Hung On Chan boarding house, was preferred by Wong Pul Yuk, a Canton school mistress. She alleged that accused and her son separated her from a promissory note, the face value of which amounted to \$5,000, some time in January last. Mr. John Hastings prosecuted, and Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton defended Briefly, the particulars of the case were to the effect that several months ago accused and son borrowed \$5,000 from the complainant who was given a promissory note. One day last month mother and son visited complainan on the pretext of returning the loan. Accused called for the promissory note, saying that she wanted to see the date on which the loan was made, in order that the interest on the capital' might be included. It was then alleged that defendant substituted a forgery for the genuing note, and was leaving the house, promising t return with the money later, when she was found out.

The Court found her guilty of theft and sen her to gaol for one month.

ALLEGED KIDNAPPING.

YAU-MA-TI LAD SOLD AT SUN-NING.

Macdonald, of Yau-ma-ti Police Station, arraigned an old woman, who resides in Temple | freedom. Night came, and a lukong gave Street, Yau-ma-ti, before Mr. F. A. Hazeland. Cheung his "chow," but when he removed on a charge of kidnapping a boy, nine years of the empty bowl, on completion of the prisoner's age, from his parents on the 2nd instant. The lad, it appears, was playing in the street when he was enticed away. He was prisoner rose and began to put his plan into taken to Macao and from there to Sun-ning, execution. With the sharper end of the chopwhere he was sold for \$17.. The lad's mother, I stick he began picking out the mortar from the after a fruitless search, received information | wall between the bricks, and in this way it was of her son's whereabouts and taking passage not long before he was able to pull out a for Sun-ning met his alleged kidnapper in a | whole brick. Encouraged by his success, so boarding house in that city. She found the far, he persevered," until he had a hole big family to which her son had been sold but they | enough for him to crawl through to liberty. rejused to hand over the boy unless the mother | But here his haste was his undoing, for in rereturned to them the price they had paid for him. Not having that amount of money the | it fall with such a thud that it aroused Ingrieved mother returned to the boarding house to think over the matter. - There she received word that accused had returned to Hongkong. The mother followed her by the next boat and on meeting her at Yau-ma-ti yesterday had her placed under arrest. As steps are being taken to get the boy down to Hongkong the case was

A RUNAWAY TRUCK. LUKONG KNOCKED OVER.

Chinese policeman No. 132 hopped on one leg into Mr. F. A. Hazeland's court this morning and landed on the witness stand with a bang. His left foot was in bandages, the result of being run over by a truck the previous afternoon, and the skilful way he balanced himself on the stand, with one leg bent backward and without any hold, proved himself to be an acrobat of no mean order. His presence in Court this morning was to prosecute Li Iu Fui, a truck coolie, of No. 188, Connaught Road Central, for carelessly driving a truck. At two o'clock, yesterday afternoon the lukong was standing at the east side of the Oucen's Statue. The defendant, who had charge of a truck, came down Chater Road at a flying rate, and on swinging round the statue at the same pace he lost control of the vehicle which collided with the lukong, knocking him down, one of the wheels passing over the policeman's left foot. The defendant's excuse was that on coming round the statue he thought the road was clear and did not see the policeman until he was knocked over. His Worship said that this careless driving of trucks had become quite frequent of late and it must be stopped. He fined defendant \$10.

> LBAP FOR LIBERTY. GAMBLER'S OLD TRICK.

Notwithstanding the constant reports published in the columns of the local press of the death of a gambler as the result of his foolish jump out of a verandah or a window, while panic-stricken at the sudden appearance of the police, the men most concerned appear unable to learn the lesson thus taught them. This mode of attempted escape has now The man, in spite of his large number of become of such frequent occurrence that in I friends, who would of course have been reading the report of a gambling raid one only too willing to help him if there had almost looks to see what tragedy accompanied, been serious trouble, immediately spatched his or rather resulted from it. The curious part of | cargo-hook (Kagi) from the cart and struck at it is that it is never the bankers, or leaders of Mr. Renault's head, but fortunately Mr. Renthe game, who are more severely dealt with by | nult just managed to escape the blow, receiving the Court when caught in flagrants delicio, but lonly a slight gash on the knuckle, which, howthose who must know that their penalty will be ever, bled, profusely. Wrenching the instru- checking the use of opium. Great Britain is rebut a nominal one. It is therefore difficult | ment from the man, so as to prevent any, at- | quested to consent to increase the tax to Tls. | the result. Two and a half years had now elapsto see why they should become so strangely | tempt on his part to rip him with it, Renault | 220, instead of Tls. 110 as hitherto levied. panic-stricken at the sight of a policeman, and | gave him to understand in fluent Japanese that risk their lives and limbs for the sake of get- such insults would not be tolerated. Subseting out of a fine of a few dollars! But they | quently Mr. Renault returned the cargo-book, | this should be dealt with in the following | which it was intended. In conclusion, he still continue to do it, and it may safely be throwing it on to the top of the cart. The assumed that they will continue to do so to the | coolies then moved on, but when 300 or 400 referred to occurred at 1 a.m., on the 12th inst., filthy abuse at the top of their voices. During ed, opium being imported into China. when Sorgt. Murison and his men raided the pre- the altercation some Japanese men stood by, mises No. 2, Yuen Wo Lane, where he found but never attempted to render any assistance. a pathan game in full swing, and the players just in the act of laying down their stakes. . . t "olo custom," of course, and to keep up the coolies. traditions, jumped out of the window to the road below. Fortunately for him it was only bly notices placed along the roads regularly -in all probability he did not know the height, the authorities-warning them that any interwhether it was ten or 50 feet, and would just as I ference on their part would mean punishment cheerfully have made the jump if he had known for them might to some extent remedy the evil. with a broken heel, and the Magistrate taking not take up this matter and see to it that the a humans view of the matter considered the conduct of the coolies is altered, for the manmin, who had to be removed to the Govern' ner in which Japanese ladies are insulted by ment Civil Hospital for treatment, had been these men should be sufficient to arouse a de-(wo leaders \$50 each and the rest \$3 per head. | which there can be no possible excuse.

TRICKSTER HEAVILY PUNISHED

SUBSTITUTING COINS IN DRAPER'S SHOP

was alleged to have palmed off \$2 worth of | and Marine Magistrate, an inquiry was held counterfeit coins in Omar Cassim Moosa, the manager of an Indian draper's establishment in D'Aguilar Street, yesterday, under circumstances already reported in these columns, received his tonic from Mr. Hazeland, at the I olice Court, this morning. An expert, who was called by the police, prenounced every coin, out of the \$2 accused was alleged to to be counterfeits. It is true that when he was arrested no spurious money was found on him and it was through this channel that accused tried to establish his innocence, but twenty-five cents a pair, when he had \$2.40 i small coins in his pocket. He was sentenced to two months' hard labour and four hours'

POWER OF A CHOPSTICK.

BREAKS A PRISON WALL

Most people' interested will have noted how often the case of the mortar used in build ings in Hongkong is called in question by the P. W. D., the matter even going before | the Courts for expert opinion. Of course it is right and proper to keep a tight hand upon rapacious jerry-builders, in the interests and for the safety of the community, but the not to be lost sight of even when dealing with thought. The facts, as adduced before his Worbeing in unlawful possession of two mace of prepared opium, and was marched to Aberdeen Police Station, to give an account of himself. put up the small sum which would have secured his freedom, and so was lodged in a cell, until such time as Mr. F. A. Hazeland could deal with him, at the Police Court. No doubt the fisherman felt the confinement in a close pen of a cell, and pined for the freedom he was unable to purchase. Pining devised a project which at first start would seem very puerile, but in the end proved er-At the Police Court, this morning, Inspector | tirely successful, and but for undue has at the last would have secured him meal, he did not notice that only one chopstick was in it. 'As soon as all was quiet the moving the last brick he dropped it letting spector Dymond, the officer in charge, who hastening to the spot made the above remarkable discovery. The man was stopped, the chopstick secured, and a charge of damaging Go-'vernment property to the extent of \$10, and received a sentence of two months' hard labour. But it, was a good test of the mortar used in prison walls !

> INSOLUNCE OF JAPANESE COOLIES.

A GROWING DANGER TO SOCIETY.

It has been noticeable since the war that there has been a growing tendency among the coolie classes to make insulting remarks when passing foreigners, and although such remarks are usually received in silence they are very appoying, especially to those who 'fully, understand their meaning. We are informed on good authority that Sapanese dressed in European style are often similarly insulted, while in certain districts near Kobe just now many, Japanese ladies are afraid to venture out alone on account of the disgusting remarks which the coolies engaged in conveying the rice from the mills to the sake-breweries make on meeting them. As is well known, a large number of the lowest class come to the district from Banshu to assist the sake brewing, and one of their principal "amusements" seems to be to insult all who do not happen to be of the class to which they themselves belong.

Mr. H. Renault; who resides near Sumivoshi. informs us of an incident, says the Jupan Cheonicle of 20th ult., which occurred on Sunday afternoon having consequences a little more serious than is the usual outcome of the coolies' attentions to those whom they meet on the road. Two young girls were calling at the house and Mr. Renault happened to open the gate just as half-a-dozen of the coolies were passing with their bullock-carts. One of them made an insulting remark in a loud tone and this was followed by filthy exclamations from the others. Mr. Renault let the girls into the compound and immediately went out and gripped one of the men by the wrist, asking him whether he wished to be taken to the police station. When Mr. Renault opened the gate he was carrying l his walking-stick, but he threw it into his garden and faced the coolies empty handed.

The incident was reported to the police who were most courieous, and expressed themselves the entrance of the police-raiders, the usual as willing and anxious to do all in their power stampede ensued, and one man, following to suppress this growing tendency among the

Most of the coolies are illiterates, but possia drop of ten (feet-but that is not the point | traversed by them-which are well known to | concessions. it to be the latter figure. However, he escaped It seems strange that the vernacular papers do | China, providing all Powers agree, The Wai- Monged to it hereafter. (Applause.) punished quite sufficiently, while he fixed the termined movement against behaviour for

MARINE COORT COXSWAIN'S CERTIFICATE SUSPENDED

At the Marine Court on the 12th instance fore Ho Chung, the long-coated Chinaman, who | Lieut. C. W. Beckwith, R.N., Harbott-master linto the circumstances of a charge brought by Mr. F. F. Bovet against Fung Fat, muster of the licensed steam launch Les Fat, for failing to observe the rule of the road in the waters of the harbour of the 9th inst.

· Mr. Boyet, sworn, said he left Murray Pier in his lau wie etchen on the 9th inst., and at about 1.5 p.m. when about off the Naval Torhave substituted for the complainant's money, | pedo Depot one of the Chinese Yaumati ferry liaunches came across his bow at full speed It was only when a collision seemed inevitable that our launch slowed down and ported her helm. The Yaumati launch went straight he failed to give the Court an answer when he | across, and proceeded to Yaumati. This has was asked why it was that he gave a \$5 bill as happened so often before that I made it'my payment for two pairs of socks, valued at | business to find out and report it. I found the launch was called the Lee Fut.

 W. L. Carter gave corroborative evidence. His Worship said: I find you, Fung Fat, guilty of gross carelessness in the execution of your duty as coxswain in charge of the Lee Fat, in that you did wilfully disregard the rule of the road on the 9th February, and cross the bows of the steam launch Gretchen, thereby causing grave risk of injury to life and property. I find you unfit to hold the certificate of master, and suspend your certificate for three months At the expiration of that term you will pass another examination, if you wish to-regain. vour certificate.

SIBAMSHIP SUBSIDIES. In to-day's papers, writes "H, H." in the old adage about the mote and the beam ought W.C.D. News, currency is given to the statement that Japan has at a recent meeting of the jerry-builders! A case in point was one which I Finance Committee of its Government decided and should give the Building Authority food for | China to the amount of 800,000 year in the l year, and in the list of the undertakings that ship, were that on Sunday, at Aberdeen, a fisher. | are to share in the subsidy are many that are man, named Cheung Hing, was arrested for plying in Chinese waters, from Chinese port for inter-Chinese trade and traffic. It does not seem in the face of things that such a proceeding is fair and one that ought to pass the There he admitted possession of the opium, scruting of the many nations engaged in trade and was offered bail. But he was unable to in China on its waterways, as creating a bad precedent that may lead to trouble. Every nation now in the 20th century that is not pledged to free trade and absorbed in a quixotic idea of sharing its cake with others, or more correctly giving, all the icing and plums of its cake to all but its own citizens, lays down the strict rule and sees that it is naturally led to projecting, until at last he acted up to, that all coasting and internal trade | from port to port or town to town in its own country shall be carried in a failway of its own, or if carried by water, in bottoms owned and registered under its own flag; and takes good care that others do not intentere in it, but here we have the interesting but objectionable proposition that trade and traffic between towns on Chinese rivers, originating and terminating in China, are to be unfairly tostered and supported against bottoms owned and registered by corporations under the Chinese flag as the Japanese propose to do. The proposition might receive support or countenance if it was being done to enable Japan to push its own trade up to these points, but to enable it to. carry Chinese trade and traffic from Chinese port to Chinese port, and turn in competition against Chinese, river companies and Railways is a demand that should meet with some vigorous action. The whole question of subsidies has of late been a great and vexed subject of contention hetures individuats, corporations and. Governments, and lately in Europe a consensus of opinion of most eminent jurists has laid down that such subsidies come very near, if not actually, in the she was riding for a fall, and her best advisers and most warm admirers would do well to ly is the best policy.

SUPPRESSION OF THE OPIUM TRADE FULL PROPOSALS OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT.

The following are the proposals of the Chinese Government for the suppression of the opium trade, submitted to Sir John Jordon. We have in former issues given a brief outline of the Government's proposals to the British Minister, and now reproduce a more detailed statement from the native napers: The following are the points' which have been referred to the British Government for

consideration. of Indian opium shall therefore be reduced proas a standard, and the decrease begin in the year 1907, importation to cease in the 11th year | escape at the rear. 2.—Calcutta being a centre of onlum export tende in India, it is requested that Chinese officials be allowed to inspect the packing and exporting of opium at Calcutta, so as to secure

an authentic return of the opium exported to of native opium, it was formerly taxed at the rate of Tis, 60 to Tis. 90 per picul, and the present tariff is Tls. 115, while native onlim pays Tls. 110, per picul including duty and likin. Comparatively, the tax on the former is much less than for the latter and it is feared that the smokers will take the foreign Lundt. drug, which will make matters worse. It is not a question of revenue but a measure for

kong and great quantities are sent to China. | and that it would generally fulfil the duties for

end of the chapter. Just such a case as that | yards away the whole crowd again shouted | to give assistance i the prohibition of prepart taken, and handed the key to the President of

(b.) China be allowed a free hand to impose taxes on such opium when imported to China. 5.-It is requested that the foreign conces- Committee, and enumerated some of the diffisions be ordered to co-operate with the local officials in the prohibition of opium dens, restaurants, tea houses and houses of ill-fame in [(Loud applause). He then enumerated some

other apparatus are put up for sale in the 6,-Morphia and syringes are to be prohibited | come to all present and expressed the hope that according to the 14th article of the Commercial | they would not only enjoy those festivities, but Treaty signed between Great Britain and Lihat the Club would be enjoyed by all who bewu pu had, in the Third Moon, this year. All present then adjourned to the main dining of 180 degrees and then slowly started out, the notified the Powers with whom the new com- room, where they were welcomed by the strains mercial treaty has not been settled to this of the Bridal March from "Lobengrin," played scene is described as magnificent, the three effect, and most of them have agreed. Great by the Town Band under the direction of Herr Britain is requested to consent to the actual | Buck. A substantial cold luncheon was pre- sea dashing against them; while all the men 1 prohibition,—Shanghal Timer.

THE NEW GERMAN CLUB.

AT SHANGHAL

The opening ceremony of the new German' Club at Shanghai was briefly recorded in our teleuram columns last week. From the N. C. D. Nows of 7th inst., we take the following full | rang throughout the building. report of the ceremony.

opening ceremony. The new Club, viewed from the exterior, is an imposing building. | speech, dwelt upon the fittingness of the Club's Now that the scaffolding has been removed it proximity to the water, thanked the members is the most prominent edifice on the Bund. Its for the hospitality accorded to the officers of the glazed walls and striking towers and roof catch | German navy and proposed "good-fellowship," the eye from far down the river, but it needs a la toast which was also honoured by loud visit to the interior to realize to the full how luxurious and complete in every detail is the new home of the German residents at this port, There are two entrances to the Club. The main doorway is on the Bund, but an entrance in the linkee Road affords access to the re- buted by a number of members, Mr. J. C. Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co. Ld. sidential quarters and private dining rooms. Hanson thanked the Chairman and members | Mr. W. H. Jackson, Shanghar at orto Bazzar After passing through the main entrance one of the Club for their invitation to the Com. turns first of all to the bar, a large and well | mittee of the Shanghai Club to attend the throughout. Stained glass windows bear the and considered that the building was a great coats of arms of various nations. The lofty | credit to all concerned and to those responsible | Mackenzie & Co., Lui; Mr., G., I. Shekury. ceiling is panelled and richly decorated, the I for the idea of building it. They had now their rafters bearing suitable mattees and proverbs | reward, and it was the wish of the members of parts in order to enable a through draught from end to end of the ground floor. Behind the divisions of the bar there are two handpainted panels, representing respectively Unter den Linden, Berlin, and a view of Bremen. and these, and two other panels on either side of the mantel, depicting the earliest and the most recent vessels of the company's fleet. came before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, this morning, to subsidize Japanese steamship enterptise in A grandfather's clock, of exquisite workman- and the walls of the grand staircase from, ship, and embellished with the arms of the cantons, which also finds a place in the bar, was presented by the Swiss members of the Club. It will be noticed throughout how much aid the Club has received in the shape of gifts of furniture and decorations from German cities, communities, and friends of other nationalities. The handsome electroliers in this room were presented by the city of Bremen, and bear its crest. Behind the bar is the billiard room, containing two French and four English tables, to which the Hamburg-American Company has presented most of the decorations. Adjoining it is the reading room, furnished throughout with teak and lighted by up-ard-directed lamps. This room also contains a clock of fine workmanship, handsome bookcases, and numerous cosy corners so comfortably upholstered that those who make use of them will find it hard indeed to tear themselves away to sterner duties. The bowling alleys and cellars are in the basement, and the former is so constructed that no sound shall penetrate to the rooms above. The offices of the secretary and Chinese staff complete the

accommodation of the ground floor. The tour of the ground floor completed, one emerges into the hall, where a fountain, and the broad marble stairway give a foretaste of the coolness they will ensure throughout the hot weather. The stream of water flows from griffin's mouth, and on each side of the basin into which it falls are bronze scals in a most lifelike attitude. The fountain is the gift of the Russo-Chinese Bank. The marble and brouze capitals which flank the stairway are the gifts of Melchers & Co., who celebrated their centenary last year. The hall is decorated in the typical German caller exples and is lefty, spacious and cool. Opposite the stairs is a copy on porcelain of an old Dutch picture, presented by the Netherland Bank.

A large bust of the German Emperor is the category of unfair rebates constituting undue first thing that greets one's view on reaching preference. It is a certainty that if other na- the first floor. The whole Bund frontage is in this direction they would have had more to stained glass windows, and profusely decorated say in the terms arranged for Peace after the with the arms of the German States, views of late war. As far as Japan herself is concerned the principal cities, and the royal arms of nearher whole policy to China has been dictated of ly every country. There is a large gallery for late by such an evident chance to raise difficul- the accommodation of the band, and opening ties for her that I should not be astonished if out of the room, but able to be isolated from it, is a series of private dinng and ball rooms. In one of them there is a full-sized portrait in caution her that "Festina Lente" or walk gent- oils of Il. M. the Emperor, presented to the Club by the officers of the Ear Eastern Cruiser squadron, and a big bronze eagle, presented to the Club by the German officers in 190 . The private dining-rooms and the bedrooms above them can be reached by the side entrance from linkee Road without passing through the Club. Opposite the dining rooms there is a large library, the capacity of which is placed at 20,000 volumes. There are bookcases all round, and also in the gallery, and a cosy corner is fitted up for the com-

fort of those who make use of the library. The third floor is given up to private rooms. all of which are large and well-furnished, while those fronting on the Bund command an excellent view of the river. All but one of these rooms are already in occupation, and the Club is not likely to have any difficulty in finding 1.-As native opium is to be entirely sun- | tenants for apartments so conveniently situatpressed within ten years, foreign opium shall ed, withal let at such a moderate tental. The be so likewise, so that the supplies may be top floor contains the kitchens and Chinese discontinued simultaneously. The importation | quarters, which are airy and well ventilated. Automatic electric lifts facilitate the service of portionally. It is requested that the average | meals. There are also a passenger and a logof the imports for the years 1901-1905 be taken | gage lift, worked by electricity and three staircases in the building in addition to a steel fire-

> The Club has its own electric plant, and is say anything, for he would be blind indeed who wid not notice it even in a cursory examination of the Bund. It has taken two and a half years Chairman of the Building Committee, Mr.

The latter, in accepting the key, said that. when the first stone was laid no one had any idea that such a magnificent building would be ed, and the Club was not yet quite finished. Ho 4-As opium ointment is prepared at Hong- hoped the Club would prove a great success expressed his thanks to the members of the (a.) The Hongkorg Governor is requested Building Committee for the trouble they had the Club. (Applause.)

Mr. Siepharius expressed the thanks of the members to the Architect and the Building But success had now crowned their efforts. which opium smoking is allowed, altogether of the gifts made to the Club and expressed the with the shops where opium pipes, lamps and | thanks of the members to the denors and to the Deutsche-Asiatische Banks for their financial assistance. Finally he extended a hearty wel-

speeches were made and many toasts were pro-The president mounted a chair and said that on an occasion like the present thoughts would naturally turn homeward, so the most fitting

teast would be that of H. M. Wilhelm II. The teast was drunk with musical honours. and to the accompaniment of "Hochs" which

The German Consul-General proposed The Shanghai Club was nearly descried at | the 'prosperity of the Club which he hoped noon yesterday, for almost the whole of the | would be good for the place, the young, old male population had assembled in the new and family men, and perhaps the ladies. premises of the Club Concordia to attend the [(Applause.)] Captain Count von Posadewski, in a short

that he was unable to attend. in German. "The bar itself is divided into two f I the Shanghai Club that they would long enjoy f I

> Three hearty cheers were given in response to Mr. Hanson's request and after a number of congratulatory telegrams had been read the guests partook of the elaborate luncheon which had been prepared for them.

Among the most notable presents made to the Club "may be enumerated were presented by the North German Lloyd. following :- The marble for the stairs Herr Hermann Melchers: the tiled fountain from the Russo-Chinese Bank: the four panels in the bar from the North German Lloyd Company: the electrolier in the bar from citizens of Bremen; the panelling and hilliard tables in the billiard saloon from the Hamburg-Amerika Linie; the clock in the bar from the Swiss members of the Club: the tiled stove in the reading room from the German-Netherlands Cable Company; a portrait of the German Emperor from the Officers of the Cruiser Squadron in the Far East; pictures and panels in the dining hall from members belonging to different States and towns in Germany. In addition to these, a large proportion of the fixtures, electric light fittings and mural decorations were the gifts of members or friends.

> FATAL EXPLOSION AT SHANGHAI.

At 2.50 p.m. yesterday, reports the N. C. D. News of 7th inst., when a packing case, supposed to contain Inpanese fireworks, was being opened by Chinese coolies in the transport repacking office of the I. M. Customs, there was a suiden explosion, said to have been caused by the effect of the hammered blows given by the coolies in their effects to open the case. A a result of the explosion the windows of the office were shattered and of the three Chinese in the room at the time, one was injured about the head. He was almost immediately attended by Drs. Patrick and Jackson and removed in the ambulance to the Shantung Road Hospital. where it was ascertained that loss of eyesight must easue, but no fatal results are apprehended. A second Chinese coolin was bidly cut about the face and body and had his right leg and left ankle broken, but the third native in the room escaped with slight injuries, Mr. C. B. V. Golding was in the room when the tions had realized that Japan would strike out given up to the main dining-room, lighted by explosion occurred, but fortunately escaped without injury.

> IMPERIAL DIET HORSE:BREEDING IN JAPAN.

IMPROVEMENT OF HARBOURS.

. At a meeting of a Budget sub-committee on the gret ultimo a question was raised as to the Government's intentions in relation to.

horse-breeding in Japan. Mr. Arai, in reply, stated that the number of horses in the Country was estimated at about 1,500,000. It was proposed to distribute about 1.500 selected animals in various parts of Japan with a view to improving the breed. This work will be carried out within a period of eighteen years, commencing from 1906. The Government approved the establishment of racecourses as a means of improving horsebreeding, but full investigation into the character of all applications would be made before being granted.

At another sub-committée meeting an official statement was made concerning the improvement of several rivers in Japan to allow of freer navigation. The Yodogawa, at Osaka. was mentioned in this connection.

Mr. Hara, the Home Minister, said that no pledge could be definitely given as to the term within which these improvements would be carried, out.

Mr. Hiroj, dealing with the two Hokkaido harbour-works schemes, stated that, although the Kushiro harbour was not a very important one, heated throughout by steam radiators. Of the the work of improvement was nevertheless exterior of the building it is unnecessary to necessary with a view to future commercial development. Breakwaters would be built to prevent the sand silting up in the harbour. It was also essential that the Hokkaido should 3. Foreign opium being double the strength, to build, and was designed by Mr. H. Pecker. have a good harbour on the western coast, at a The cost up to date has been about Tls. 425,000. point north of Otaru; hence it was necessary The preliminary opening processings took to improve the harbour of Ramue. This place in the bar. Mr. Becker, the architect, harbour is not a very good natural harbour, recited some verses specially composed for the but it would be valuable as an outlet in occasion, and then handed the key to the connection with the trade from the interior --Japan Chronicle.

THE JAPANESE TRAINING SQUADRON.

ANOTHER START UNDER DIFFICULTIES.

The Japan Chronicle of and inst. rep sts :-The training squadron consisting of the three boats Itsukushima, Matsushima and Hashidate weighed anchor at Yokosuka on Thursday, as previously arranged, bound for Yokohama. A fierce gale was raging at the 'time and the sea was so very rough that it looked as if a start would be almost impossible. However, culties with which they had had to contend, all the men were anxious to get away, for these vessels, it will be remembered, had to put back before on account of bad weatherand they proceeded to make the necessary preparations, regardless of the dangers and risks. Two sailors, while working on deck, were carried by the force of the gale; and it was thought that they would be lost. But fortunately, after a great deal of difficulty, the sailors were rescued by means of a rope and a boat. At 1.20 p.m. the Hashidate made a turn other two vessels immediately following. The vessels majestically moving away, the angry THE HONGKONG COMPANIES ORDINANCES

REPRESENTATIVE MEETING AT SHANGHAL As was briefly indicated in our yesterday's issue, reports the N. C. D. Newl of 9th inst., a meeting of the representatives of British Companies in Shanghai was held on Thursday at 2 Imkee Road to consider the proposal of the Hongkong Government strictly to enforce the provisions of the Companies Ordinance. The ist of those present and the Companies they represent was as follows: Mr. J. C. Hanson, representing Kalee Lid.

Mr. H. R. Kinnear, Weihaiwei Land and Huild-

ing Co., Kochien Uargo Boat Co., J. Llewellyn

& Co, and Shanghai Land Investment Co.; Mr. E. C. Pearce, Laou Kung Mow Cotton Mill, North China Herald Ld., S. Moutrie & Co. Shanghai Electric and Asbestos Co. and Kiang A representative of the Governor of Tsingtan | so Coal and Iron . o., Mr. J. E. Blugham, Voolthen expressed the regret of His Excellency | kel and Schrooder, Ld., and Shanghai, Times and sport and Gossip, Ld.; Mr. L., W. Jebb After a song "Der Deutsche Lied," contrie. Shanghai and Hungkew Wharf Co., Ld.: and Co., Ld.; Mr. J. S. Dooly, Dunning & Co., Ld. Woosung Fore Launch Co., Ld., and Rosanthal ventilated room, most effectively decorated ceremony. They were exceedingly gratified & Co., Ld.; Mr. G. L. Oberg, Shanghai Mutual I Telephone Co., Ld.; Mr. W. Liv Poste. Central Stores, Ld.; Mr. Richard Dallas, The Dallas Horse Repository Co., Ld.; Mr. L. W Lemaire, Shanghai Tanning Co., Ld.; Mr. F. A. Cumming, Yangtsze Insurance Assn., Ld. Mr. C. A. Skinner, Vulcan Iron Works Co., Lo.; Mr. Geo McBain, Shanghal Sumatra Tobacco Co., Ld.; Mr. E. F. Bateman, Sarawang Rubber Estate Co., Ld.; Mr. W. J. N. Dyer, Shanghai Tug and Lighter Co., Ld.; Mr. C. Rieveley, China Land and Finance Co.: Mr. F. C. heffer, The Astor House Hotel Co., Ld.; Mr. J. E. Trueman, Weeks & Co., Ad.; Mr. W. V. Drummond and L. Kerr, Perak Sugar Cultivating Co., Ld.; Mr. A. W. Burkill and Mr. R. N. Macleod, Anglo-French Land Investment Co., Ld.; Mr. G. K. Wingrove, Shanghai Gas Co.; Mr. W. S. Davidson, Shanghai Building Investment Co., Ld ; Mr. W. Schaff, China Flour Mill Co. and Scharffs Oil and Bone Mill Co.: Mr. E.E. Poner, E.L. Poner & Co., Ld.; Mr. L. K. Burkhardt, Hotel des Colonies, Ld.; Mr. H. von Rucker, Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co.; Mr. D. W. Crawford and Mr. J. Ambrose, Lane Crawford & Co., Ld.; Mr. J. D. Clark Shaughai Mercury, Ld., Hall and Holtz, Ld. and Sin Wan Pao, Ld.; Mr. A. J. Hughes and Mr. J. A. Wattie, China Mutual Life Insurance Co.: Mr. Hayward, Hall and Holtz, Lu .: Mr. C. L. Suitz, China Import and Exput Lumber Co., Ld.; Mr. A. H. Brooks, Weeks & Co. and Mr. F. E. Schnorr, A. Butler Cement and Tile

> The Chairman, in outlining the circumstarces in which the meeting came to be called. said that companies in Shanghai, deriving benefit from the protection of British law would probably not be unwilling to pay something for that protection; they did so siready, in fact, through the f es charged on incorporation. Even an increase of contribution might not necessarily raise a protest, but what was objected to was the method now proposed to that end, namely, by the charging of stamp duties on trai fors. Any such charge must caure great in contenience and dissatisfaction in Shanghai. If such duties had to be collected it-would be more convenient no doubt to have it done through a Hongkong Government office in Shanghai, but to admit the right of what, after all, must be considered a Foreign Government to establish such a tex office in the Settlement would open up possibilities of the establichment of dangerous precedents. On the other hand if the share regulers were to be kept in Hongkong it would be necessary on the death of any shareholder that administration of the estate should be taken out in Hongkong, and often the estate would have to pass' through the hands of the official administrator, thus involving additional and heavy fees. The difficulty might be met by the passing of on Ordinance on lines of the Colonial Registers Act of 1833, to permit companies with head offices out of Hongkong to stake out licences authorizing them to keep their share register at those head offices. A fee could be charged for such licences and it should be pro-'vided that excapt in the cases of shareholders domiciled in Hongkong the shares should not be regarded as Hongkong assets. The matter affected a very large number of companies and it was to be hoped therefore that before taking final action the Hongkong Government could be induced to consider carefully the objections

that had been raised. Mr. R. N. Macleod read the draft of a petition he had prepared to be sent to the Hangkong Government, which in substance as ed Government to take no further action in the matter, pending the dispatch of a more detailed statement of the situation, setting forth the issues and circumstances of the matter.

Mr. W.V. Drummond, in a long speech, went into the independent action taken by the North China Insurance Company many years ago. This company approached the Foreign Office. on the advice of Mr. Wright, who was then legal adviser to the Treasury, and later became Judge of the Supreme Court and attempted to procure the issuance of an Order in Council to enable the business and formalities in connexion with the incorporation of companies to be put through in Shanghai. 'Mr. Wright prepared a draft of an Order in Council v to meet the case, and at the last moment the Foreign Office took exception to the proposal on the ground that there were so many shareholders of different nationalities in Shanghai Companies that if the Order were carried into effect it might lead to complications. 'All the documents relating to the matter were doubites will in the possession of the North

with the present situation. Mr. Drummond then proposed that a Committee be appointed to go into the whole question and report to a second meeting to be held at a later date.

China Insurance Company, and they would

doubtless be of great assistance in dealing

The following gentlemen were elected to serve on the Committee, with power to add to their number :- Messrs. W. V. Drummond. J. C. Hanson, H. R. Kinnear, E. C. Pearce, and a representative from Messrs. Jardine. Matheson

A vote of thanks to Mr. Hanson for acting as Chairman was proposed by Mr. Pearce, and the meeting then terminated.

LEAGUE TABLE. The following is the League Table up to

Hongkong Police 72 Civil Service10 H.K.C,C. "A"11 Kowloon 7 Royal Engineers 11

g points win. I point was draw.

pared on long tables across the room, and more ; aboard united in singing inspiriting war-songel

CHINBSE NEW YEAR Another Chinese New Year has como and Hene, and the Reneral consensus of opinion is that the celebrations, passed off, more quietly, and almost with ladifference, than in any romembered year. Teue, Young China eagerly awaited the hour officially appointed, on, Tuesday evening when they might, with impunity, and impunity from police-or any other-interference, commence the fire-cracker fusilades which their, beart loveth, and on the minute the figing began, all over the Colony, the racket being such as almost to give the timid new-Arrival and atmnger within our gates, the idea that the city was under bombardment by an tinknown enemy. Thus was ushered in Chinese Newa Year, and in two hours the streets had all the appearance of a p! gue; of red locusts having passed over 1: 2 crime as yet," he stated. The more serious Golody, the joss-paper being, everywhe

from which all things were to date. In the evening the usual Baraar was opened along Bonham Strand and Jervois Street, but while the usual crowds, drawn from all communities, in the Colony, flocked to the scene, both before and after dinner, they were somewhat disappointed with the displays on the stalls, which could in no way compare with those of past years, nor were the stalls themselves as

intevidence in great piles, which those in-

swept up until after the Chinese New Year,"

siding in the shops and houses in front

Among those visiting the Bazaar, at night towards the little ones. At one of the stalls one case of robbery is on the books. the delighted amazement of the two little [go about long-coatless during the holidays! maids, presented one to each. Then, indeed, they went on their way rejoicing, while the look on their faces was His Excellency's reward. Business did not appear to be very brisk, and the lamiliar figure of paterfamilias, laden down with packages of all sorts of queer shapes and size, quite one of the features of the Bazaars in former years, was conspicuous by its absence. Late in the evening many residents from the Peak paid a flying visit to the scene, but apparently finding nothing attractive, did not stop long. But the night was not topass without its amusing incidents-amusing, that is, to the onlookers, but the reverse to the unfortunate victims. Near a sweet stall below the fire station was a huge tub of what looked like batta; in readiness for making more cakes, which were selling as fast as the vendor could cook them. At the side were standing two or three gaily-dressed Chinese girls, waiting their turn to purchase some of the good things, with their money held ready in their hands. Suddenly there was a splash and a shout, and a general drawing-back of the crowd, for into that tub of flour and eggs had been pushed-whether by accident or Seeking revenge he caught up a brick lying design nobody but the culprit, if there was one. knew-one of the little girls, pink silk jacket, belietrope silk trousers and all | The crowd, of course, laughed and jeered, but it was no the eye at that! Then there were hot times for laughing matter for the youngster, whose some ten minutes, until District Watchman New Year was completely spoiled.

the calendar stall when a very small boy running | Li's pals, loyal friends and true, jumped on the of the Silesia, entertained at tiffin Mr. J. J. couragement with disappointment, such as is away from a bigger one in pursuit tripped and fell, his head in some unaccountable manner | much the worse for his zeal in endeavouring to | the. Captain, First, Lieutenant, and Doctor of | those directly concerned in the management of pitching between the legs of a stool, on put bim across her knee and administer-. ed to him a sound smacking on that part the anatomy which is used to support the body when testing.

.At midnight the stalls were close until the next day, and very soon the place was in darkness, save for the street lamps. Yesterday the Bazaar and the general festivities connected with the senson came to an end with the general exchange of social visits in the day-time, and theatrical performauces at night: During the two days, the s.s. Tai On, now lying at Wanchai for some superstructural repairs, and many Chinese owned craft in the harbour hung out their bunting in honour of the day and of the season. To day all was as usual; shops and hongs, which had been hermetically sealed during the past (two days, threw wide their doors, in preparation to enter upon another year's business of trade and drudgery.

WATER RETURN.

Level and Storage of Water in Reservoirs on the 1st February. LEVEL,

Tytam	33 417 overflow	below	12' 41' overflow	belov
Byowash	28' 4" overflow	below	25' 9" overflow	belov
Pokfulum	overflow	below	20' 6}'	belov
Wong-nei- chong	45′. =3″ overflow	below	36' 1" overflow	belov
a figure	STORAGE	GALLO	ns.	
•				1907.
Tytam	16	1,120,00	0 287.	845,00

Byewash..... Pokfulam 7,100,000 23,425,003 Wong-nei-chong 1,703,000 168,220,000 . 313,470,000 Consumption of water in the City of Victoria and Hill District during the month of January,

Consumption,...107,210,000 108,509,000 gallons Estimated population .. Consumption) per head per } ~

Intermittent supply in Eastern and Rider was serjously injured through being crushed un- inaugurated during the period beginning on possible because the way had been pre- argument and I form no opinion. The action mors and Taylar Generals of provinces to impress Main Districts during the whole month of der a wall which fell down upon him while he July 1st, 1905, and ending on January 1st last, pared for them among a people whose is brought by the captain against the ship and January, 1906, and in the Rider Main Districts during the whole month of January, 1997.

during the month of January. 1906. Consumption ... 14.589,000 20,740,000 gallons Estimated population ... Consumption)

per head per Supply for new Gravitation Works commenced 24th December, 1006.

The Government Analyst reports that the water is of excellent quality. W. CHATHAN,

.Water Authority.

NEW YBAR PILEBRINGS. CRIMINALS ON A HOLIDAY.

There was an unusually small number of cases to be disposed of at the Police Court this morning, considering that no business has been done for the last two days-Chinese New Year holidays. It is, however, pleasing learn that but for a few pick-pockets nothing of a serious nature has, transpired during the holidays, according to the police records, this is any criterion it would appear to the o dinary man that the Chinese new Year has brought with it a wave of peace, but a police officer who knows, Hongkong and its criminals thinks otherwise. "The people, are enjoying themselves too much now to think of committing offences, which consisted of pocket cutting committed during the two days under review came directly under the notice of the police in the Central district." The first case, to be rewhich they were piled refused to allow to be ported occurred in Hollywood Road shortly which had become a sort of, by word-an era before two o'clock on Wednesday morning, when " 'ui Sam Un, a "boy" employed 'in the Hongkong Hotel, had his coat pocket cut and a purse containing a little over \$9 stolen. The next person to be victimized was a cook, employed at the Central Police Station: " He went out for a stroll yesterday afternoon and drifted into a crowd that was gazing at a dragon ceremony which was being enacted in Cochrane Street. He became so interested in the performance that he did not notice that his pocket was being carved. The thief, who, were. His Excellency the Governor. Sir apparently, was a new hand at the game, Matthew Nathan, K.C.M.G.; accompanied by allowed the cook's purse, which contained the Captain Coleman, A.D.C., who strolled through | large sum of forty cents, to fall, and that brought the Bazaar inspecting everything and making | the cook to his bearings. In each case an armany purchases. And here, once again, was | rest was made and conviction followed at the exhibited the kindly spirit of His Excellency | Magistracy this morning. At West Point only His Excellency suddenly observed by his side was where a flat at No. 145, Third Street, two bashful little Chinese maidens, who were | occupied by a table "boy," was entered on the looking at some Japanese mechanical boats, | night of the 12th instant, and a long silk coat with wistful longing eyes, but the price of which, it was alleged, he borrowed for the hol them was far and away above anything they days was stolen. The thief was caught and dared ever dream of possessing. Noticing the long cont recovered, but that did not lessen their wistful looks, as they continued to gaze | the "boy's" worries a bit, as the police held on at the coveted treasures. His Excellency, with- to the long coat to use as evidence against the out a word, purchased the two boats, and to prisoner, and the poor "boy" was compelled to

A FACTION FIGHT.

HIGH STREET V. THIRD STREET.

By way of celebrating the close of the Chin ese New Year festivities, the residents of High Street declared war upon those of Third Street, and preparations were made for a bellicose time. There were no financial difficulties to be encountered, no war loans to be raised; each party was ready and prepared "to take the field" and did so. They were both amply supplied with munitions of war, and decided that the contest should take the form of a "battle of bombs." It did. For a while yesterday notthing could be heard in the vicinity of the battlefield but the barsting of the bombs, and the ear-splitting cat-calls of derision on the part of either side as the opponent's bombs fell harmless and futile. But in the mèlee a neutral party got hurt, and that party, one Li Kun, resented it, ! conveniently to his hand, and flung it at the man whose bomb had hurthim-or his celings-and, of course, he hit the wrong man, and straight in charged with disorderly behaviour, and was harbour, the returning troops setting ing the police in the execution of their duty, was arrested a lukong from the Central Station, and he was sent before the Captain Superintendent of Police, to be dealt with departmentally.

In consequence of all this disturbance Inspector Collett sent out twelve men in plain clothes with instructions to arrest all and sundry whom they caught throwing bombs, As a result seven men were arrested, having been caught in the very act of continuing the dangerous practice. They were also placed before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, charged with dis orderly conduct; at nine o'clock last night, and were fined \$3 each. Several Chinese gentlemen complained that they had had their long silk coats burned by these bombs—but with a seasonable magnanimity, they did not ask for compensation."

> GRBAT FIRE AT KOBE. MITSUI CODOWNS DESTROYED.

DANGERS OF SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION.

On Sunday morning (27th ult.) soon after five o'clock, fire broke out in the godowns of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Higashidecho, 1-chome, w | Kobe, and three large godowns, and six sheds, together with the whole of the contents-consisting of foreign rice, ship's masts, Soja beans, bean-cake and oil-cake-were destroyed. The losses are estimated at over Yroo,ooo, The conflagration was extinguished shortly after 7 a.m. but for some hours-later dense volumes of smoke continued to rise from the debris. The godowns which were burnt down covered an area of 237 tsubo, while the sheds destroyed covered 754 tsubo.

Along the wooden fence which stood between the newly-built godowns and the older build- | Scattle or San Francisco, ings, three straw bags of lime had been heaped up. These bags of lime had been exposed to the weather and it is presumed that during the rain on Friday they got wet, with the result that the mixture of lime and water set fire to some inflammable goods near by andied to the disaster. A fireman, second in command of the brigade attached to the Hyogo police, man was almost crushed by a falling wall, but

escaped with slight injuries. The fire would have spread but for the ener- thus bringing the grand total of new capital up ingly. It will achieve no useful object to subgetic work rendered by the H, ogo fire brigade, to the sum of about Y586,360,000. whose services were augmented by the steam-

Owing to the character of the goods which number 32 companies with capital added to fish, phiposo, they will take high place among is the general question, as to whether the years. Let there be no subterfugas to deceive thereabouts.—/open Chronicle.

INHUMAN GRAND DAME. BEATS GRANDCHILD'S CORPSE.

Man's inhumanity to man is a theme around which many a threnody has been woven, but who, with the utmost stretch of imagination, could have conceived the actual existence of woman's inhumanity to childhood, right here in our midst, such as was brought to light as the result of a case which came before Mr. F. A. Hareland, presiding at the Magistracy, this moming "The charge, which resulted in this revolting revelation, was one of, dumping the body of a Chinese female child, aged 12 years, Street, West oint, the accused persons being a Chinese widow, and a coolie. The details are somewhat sordid," appears that the girl's father of took a trip abroad," several years ago, leaving his wife and child in the care of his wife's mother, the woman now charged. Some time having c'apsed, and there being no signs of the seturn of the husband, the wife, took unto herself another "good man" and with him cloped, leaving the child with her grandmother. The latter took care of, and brought up, the little one until she reached the age of twelve years. A few days ago, however, the child was taken ill, and after a brief illness, she died. Then the wrath of the grandmother became uncontrollable-she had had all the responsibility and expense of bringing up the child, and now when she was arriving at an age when she might be of some use to her grandmother, and, so make some return for all the care, and trouble; bestowed upon her, she must needs go and die! It was too bud; it was too wicked of the child. Then, letting they fury of her feelings have full sway, she seized a frying the face and head, until her fury was at last spent, and the pan fell from her nerveless hands. Having thus vented the full force of her | the purchase of materials. fury the old dame called a coolie, and between them they carried the little body to the locality mentioned and there quietly dumped it, to be found and removed by whoseever might make the discovery and encompass the removal, without further trouble to the old dame herself But she was not to have things quite all her own way, for all unknown to her, from the shadows of the nearby lane, an Indian constable was watching the proceedings. But the constable watched and took in the situation at a glance, and when the dumping had been actually accomplished, and not till then, he stepped forth and arrested the pair of ghouls. They were this morning placed before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, at the Magistracy, and charged, at the instance of Inspector Collett, with dumping a dead body, having removed, the same without a permit. The charges were proved against the pair and they were sentenced to pay a fine of \$25 each, with the usual alternative. The cause of the death of the child was certified to be malaria.

> H. A. L. S.S. "SILESIA" TAKES TROOPS TO LISBON.

When the Hamburg Amerika Linie's s.s. Silevia left the harbour this afternoon on her number of Portuguese time-expired men who are returning to their homeland after their term of three officers, including the Colonel, 21 second

which a buxom old dame was taking her been for P. C. Purden who came up, and with sides the returning officers, when the satisfaction rather than the reverse; it might be ease, while waiting for more victims. The out any ado, seized and arrested Li and his usual complimentary toasts were hon- considered that for the outside public there is jar nearly unseated her, and neeing the cause | two supporters, and marched th m off to the | oured. The returning troops appear- | nothing left but to applaud. of the mild earthquake, she seized the imp, Central Police Station, there to await the ed to be in the best of health and spirits, and award of the presiding Magistrate, Mr. F. A. | seemed delighted at the idea of being on their Hazeland, when he took his seat on the Bench | way to the "Old Country" again. Early this morning. Li Kun, the brick-thrower, was | the afternoon the Silesia steamed out of the fined \$3, his chums being charged with resist- | ringing cheers as the vessel left her moorings. which were responded to by, friends who had. and fined \$5 each. Among the crowd also been to see them off, and who waited in the launches to see the vessel make a start.

> JAPANESE ELOATING EXHIBITION. .

Acting on the idea of American business men, Japanese commercial houses, under the | Fimpire, whose dispersal over Europe, auspices of a guild of Yokohama exporters, are when their imperial city fell, inaugurated to sent to the Pacific coast a 5, 00 ton the modern time in which the West steamship, loaded with samples, of Japanese merchandise, to show the people of the coast cities of the United States, Mexico, Central and South American states what Japan produces.

backing the plan and that in that city it is meetnow capitalised at 50,000 yen and the work of The officers of the Minnesota have not learned was a vessel of more than 7,000 tons. It is to be out ten months, touching at all of the Pacific coast ports and showing business men, and representatives of Eastern commercial houses | the world's learning increased, as it still in

what Japan can produce. fell through. An effort was made in Seattle last year to have the project carried through, for themselves, but nothing was done. At the present time ! there is a vessel being fitted out in Liverpool which will tour the world loaded with the products of England for the express purpose of result, apart from the drilling of the mental promoting trade and showing to the world

what the nation can do. As to what American port will be the first touched by the sample ship is unknown as yet but those on the liner state that it will be either

ENORMOUS, INCREASE.

NEW ENTERPRISES IN JAPAN.

which vessel brought a powerful pump into amounting to Y22,550,845 and those which leges give the incentive to a desire for learning Y3,901,800.—Johan Chronicle,

ROWLOUN-GADION, RAILWAY LOAN AGREEMENT.

SANCTIONED BY IMPERIAL EDICT. We are informed by Messrs. Jardine, Matheion'& Co. joint agents with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation for the British and Chinese Corporation, Ltd., that by a telegram from Peking they learn that an Imperia Edict has been issued annetioning the Agreement with the British and Ciffness Corporation at the junction of High Street and Western | for the construction of the Chinese section of the Canton-Kowloon Railway. According to the Universal Gazette, the

terms of the loan for the proposed Kowloon-Canton railway embody the following important points:--

(1) The loan to be £1,500,000 guaranteed by mortgage of the Kowloon-Canton Railway. (2) £94 to be paid for every £100. (3) Interest on same to be at the rate of

data of issue of the Bonds. (4) A single track to be first constructed, but the road bed to be widened so as to be prepared for the construction of a double track. (5) Work on the road to be started within eight months, failing which the Agreement will

per cent. per annum, samo to commence on

(6) The Head Office of the proposed Rail way to be in Canton. The Vicercy of Kwang. tung and Kwangsi to appoint a Director who shall be assisted by a British Rugineer-in-Chief and a British Manager."

(7) The staff of the Company to receive pan, and with it beat the poor dead child over £35,000 as remuneration during the time customs staff who left Wuchow for Naming, ance to this particular dispute. And then agreed upon for the construction of the Railway. The said sum being the commission: for

(8) The sum of Licoo to be paid the Company each year; payment of which will cease upon repayment of the whole loan,

(9) The loan is to be for fifty years. Interest only on same to be paid for the space of twelve and a half, after which both principal and interest to be paid in instalments.

(10) The Viceroy of the two Kwang provinces will arrange separate terms with regard to the joining together of the Canton line to that of the Kowloon line.

FOREIGN SCHOOLS IN CHINA.

At this season of the year in Shanghai public interest is sought by those English and American institutions which have for their purpose the instruction on occidental lines of the coming generation of Chinese. Several of these schools and colleges have had their closing exercises or prize-givings within the past few days, and others will follow within the next week. Some of comparatively old foundation. and others of quite recent establishment, their reports, nevertheless, will agree generally on several points. They will tell the palpable facts of diligence and enthusiasm, which constitute, according to western notions, almost precocity on the part of the scholars way to Lisbon via ports, she had on board, a land will add the consequent, though party counter-acting, fact that there is always the possibility that students will lay down their service in Macao. These troops comprise studies exactly at the critical moment, and from pique or the irresistible allurement of attracclass, and 204 men, third class, all of whom I tive employment or merely from whim or vanity arrived from Macao by the river boat and tran- interrupt, even if they do not put a definite No. 6 came up and seized Li, and was marching | shipped here this morning to the on-carrying | period to, endeavours, which might have borne Another ludicrous incident was witnessed near | him to the Central Police Station, when two of | troopship. Before leaving this port the captain | fruit. There will be thus a blending of en-District Watchman, who would have got very | Leirin, Vice-Consul for Portugal, together with | inevitable in almost every enterprise; but as secure the maintenance of peace, had it not the Portuguese gunboat Rio Lima, ber the institutions will almost certainly express

The circumstance, however, that a consider-

able section of Young China, is either passing through, or clamouring to enter, these foreigndirected schools, which are to be found in all. the greater cities of the Empire, raises an inevitable, question as to the influence the education, there imparted will have upon the future of the nation. A very great responsibility, which we are sure is fully appreciated by those concerned, rests upon the instructors in Anglo-Chinese schools and colleges. They are receiving a very eager welcome, not from officialdom, but from the people themselves, Their case and opportunity are very different from those of the scholars of the Eastern rejoices. The crudito relugees of the fifteent century, who conquered the intellects of a wider realm than in their sheltered security they had dreamed of, did not set out conscious. The news of the scheme was brought by I ly to spread far and wide the treasures won by officers of the steamship Minnesota. They I their patient toil. The lamp of knowledge to stated that all the exporters of Yokohama were I them was something sacred to be ministered to by those who were approved worthy. That ing with the highest approval. The company is it should even be set on a hill to illuminate a people was as remote from their ideals, as i securing the samples is going ahead rapidly. I was from those of the people among whom they were cast to seek to possess themselves of what steamship had been secured other than it | Thus knowledge was pursued for the sake of knowledge; any practical application was the result more or less of accident, or of the working of time. And under such conditions, the sum creases to-day, in the laboratory or the study, The idea of sending out a floating exposition | but not in the school-room, where all that can originated in New York several years ago, but be done is to prepare the minds of those who will hereafter make research and experiment The educational problem is complicated for

ment shall have an immediately practical faculties in the way that muscles are strengthened by gymnastics. The English language, we I fancy, is studied because it is the chief medium of speech with the outer world and has a commercial value, rather than because it enshrines a great and elevating literature. In mediceval Europe Latin and Greek were sentinels to the learned professions certainly, but had no further. extrinsic value. Latin was the lingua franca of culture not of business, and it is on intellectual culture that the greatness of the western New enterprises promoted since January 4th | Chinese Jose, a, parrot-like acquaintance with -N. C. D. News.

China by the desire that the student's attain-

WUCHUW NOTES

WRECK OF STEAM LAUNCH "HONG-NING. Wuchow, 11th February. News is to hand of the wreck of the steam-

iunch Hong-ning, a small storn-whooler runping a passenger trade between here and Nan-The Captain of the Kim Buel, another other life-saving apparatus on board, and was this, simply overcrowded. One of the crew states | This is a British ship or supposed to be one. that the loss of life would not have been so Then there is the case of the letter from two great if the passengers had not lost their heads | captains regarding plaintiff a pavigation in the and rushed to one side of the ship causing her Pellio. As Mr. Sander very fairly put it you to heek over. PIRACY RUMOUR. say most against the other, but always seem to

Our small foreign community was rather think the other one is in the wrong and startled yesterday with the report that the doesn't seem to attach very much importtion, for particulars verifying how much truth there is in this rumour.

"FOR WAYS THAT ARE DARK,"

'Chinese merchants are having some unusua' experiences since the opening of Nanning. The following two instances are quoted. A number of merchants hired a junk and loaded her with miscel'aneous foreign import goods for Nanning. The junk was duly despatched but on failing. to arrive in Nanning, inquiries were set afoot and the merchants then found to their sorrow that the junk master having died coronte, the crew disposed of the cargo to all and sundry buyers at any odd figure, and with the proceeds quitted and flitted to their own happy homes there to celebrate the Chinese new year in a manner dignified and becoming. The junk 'an old one) was left to its own devices at a small village. The poor merchants are now wondering what their next move will be. Another merchant despatched a lot of kerosene oil to Kwei Yuen. On arrival there he handed over to the consignee half the original quantity shipped. Inquiries as to what had become of the missing half of the cargo elicited the bland reply that "it was sold to buy rice, which had run short." The Kwei Yuen magistrate is now investigating the case, and his decision is eagerly looked forward to by the owner of the

E. B. HAYES V. S.S. "CULMORE.

From the Shan has Times of 6th inst, we reproduce the concluding report of the care of Capt. E. B. Hayes against the s.s. Culmore, the result of which was given in a special telegram. in these co umns last week:--

At H.B M. Supreme Court yesterday morning before Sir Havilland de Sausmarez, Judge, the case of Capt. E. B. Hayes versus the s.s. Cuimore or the proceeds thereof was continued. Mr. R. R. Gregson appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. I. F. P. Jones for the defendants.

In cross-examination Dong Ting Kee said that on 22nd December he did not give the captain a list of repairs necessary or an order for new articles to clean the ship. The captain gave witness the reference paper on 27th December and wanted witness to sign the document to get other employment, saying that the more papers he got, the better chance he had of getting other employment.

By the Court:-plaintiff was discharged because he did not navigate the ship properl because witness, could not get any more business. All the business of the steamer was done in Shanghai.

Recalled: the blaintiff was dismissed on 22nd December.

Captain Nellson, now in command of the s.s. Culmore, gave evidence as to the difficulties in going up the Yangtze without pilots, as to the delays, and difficulties in enchoring at Taku when witness was chief officer under the plaintiff's command.

A. Sander of Sander Weiler and Co., agents for the s.s. Culmore, stated that he learnt in-December last from Dong Ting Kee of many, complaints about the plaintiff, as ciptain and mentioned that the captain saw him on 22nd and 27th December as to a claim for three months, wages. Witness told plaintiff he had always been treated fairly, but his duties had not been done antisfactorily, and that the matter might be settled out of Court. The Com- try of the Interior regarding the universal propany owned only this one ship and intended vention of the opium habit we may sigle that

By., His, Lordship:-There'l were no British subjects, interested in the ship. . Mr. Jones said there might be one Britisher

livered the following judgment. nations has been made firm. Hygienics, sani- properly brought on the Admiralty side of the that opium divans in the proxinces be abolish. According to a careful investigation made by | tation, bridge-building, all the mechanical | Court is one into which I need not go. I wish | ed and closed in accordance with the new regulathe Ozaka Azahi the number of new companies marvels of the nineteenth century were to express no opinion on it as I have had no thous. We hereby command the Viceroys, Goyerstood on the roof of an adjoining building, reaches the enormous total of 2,328, with a industrial and civic leaders had been bred he in substance asks for damages for wrongful their duty in this connexion with difference and Several firemen went to his assistance, and capital of Y426,026,263, while established con- to the classics. China herself, in the defences raised by Mr. Jones energy. To abolish in earnest the practice of Consumption of water in Kowloon Peninsula. when found he was unconscious. He was at cerns which during the period under review have monumental solidarily of her, history as a are three; first, that the dismissal is justified; opium consumption; it is most necessary to once taken to the Okumi Hospital, where he increased their capital comprise 63 companies, nation, exemplifies the strength of simple second, that he (plaintiff) accepted his dismissal; clear out the source of supply and this is the lies in a precarious condition. Another fire- the amount of increased capitals aggregating scholarship. But hitherto the aim and end of and third, that there was no necessity for notice. prohibition of the cultivation of the cultivation of the cultivation of the cultivation of the poppy Y121,611,920; besides which 26 companies have study has been made the attainment of official As regards the plaintiff accepting the dismissal plant, We, therefore, look to the said Viceroys, issued debentures to the amount of Y38,729,592, rank, and its scope has been limited accord- I do not think that has been proved; cer- Governors and Tartar Generals of provinces to tainly very shortly after he understood that pay diligent attention to the regulations sancstitute for this interested delving in dry as dust his services would be no longer required, he tioned by the Throne, namely, the gradual in fact asked both. Dong Ting-kee and Mr. annual reduction of the area devoted to the Sander for three months wages and in one cultivation of the poppy plant, so that the procase for his passage home, so that I do not duction of foreign, as well as native, opinion may have increased their can tal during that time for learning's sake and, not for any mere sel, think plea can prevail. Then there | entirely cease within the stated limit of ten

have heard and Inthink that if a dismissal is wronging a man in the position of master of One of the steamers plying on this coast is bertainly entitled to some notice. As to what notice unless there is some custom in the port, which certainly has not been proved in this case, though it may exist—this is a question to be determined in each particular case and depends upon the general facts. Now as small passenger launch, reports that the Hong- to whether this dismissal was justified or not ning struck a rock between here and Kuan we have various complaints as to the faulty How. The passengers all made a rush on pavigation on the part of the plaintiff of this deck, but owing to all of them, rushing to one vessel, The case of running ashore at the side the launch simply turned turtle and went | East Promontory is one point; the complaints down. Latest reports to hand, state that over of two other masters navigating that extremely 100 lives have been lost. Some 30 bodies have difficult river the Paibo-is another; and the been washed ashore on the beach near Kuan fact that he touched the bottom on three How, whilst others were carried away by the occasions between Nanking and Kiukiang is ide and have not yet been recovered. The another. Then, there is the complaint of Rong-wing left Wuchow for Nanning about five his navigation in the Gulf of Pechili days ago, with about 140 lives on board. About on his journey, from Taku to News 20 have survived the disaster and give harrow. chwang, and others, which I think, may be ing accounts of the scene. Those who sur- generally taken as covered by the comvived describe the foundering of the vessel as plaint of the charterers as to delay in navigabeing very sudden, and that they managed to lion; owing to unskilfulness, or want of swim to the banks, with the help of some of knowledge. As regards the running on the wooden wreckage. The passengers were | shore plaintiff himself has explained that the of the peasant class, and were returning to engines of the ship did not go, astern at, once their homes for the Chinese New Year holl- and it certainly seems to me that one engineer days. This sad news has cast a gloom over who capnot always be below—as is the case if the natives here, who consider it as a very bad | there is only one engineer on board-is likely omen, in view of the close proximity of the to lead to confusion and possible mishaps. new year. The Hong-ning had no boats or cannot find that the captain is to blame for

never quite know which of these captains will.

a fortuight ago, were pirated between Kuan there is the question of touching the bottom Hau and Kwei Yuen. As no official news has near. Nanking and the explanation given been received by the Customs the foreigners by the captain, that the pilot did not are treating it as a mere canaid, but the come on board though he waited three Chinese seem to believe and credit the report. | hours, seems to me at all events to deprive the It is hard to trace the origin of this rumour, | defendants of unreasonableness. I don't think and in the meanwhile great anxiety is shown | he acted wrongly; no harm happened; there, by the friends of those who went to Nanning. | was certain delay, and it is a question, of exer-The party consists of Mr. M. Neubrun, assistant | cise of discretion. Then there remain the comexaminer, Mr. Scheck who is a native clerk | plaints of the charterers. Those seem to me in in the Indoor Staff, and family, and also 3 other | the aggregate to be somewhat serious but at the native employees, with their families. The same time I do think that when the plaintiff above party left together in three houseboats or approached the defendant's agents here he was junks on the 27th of January, and no news has at once told that the ship was going been received from them since they left. It is to be sold and that Mr. Dong Ting-ken to be hoped that the above is only a rumour, | gave him notice; that fact alone would very as the seriousness of it, if true, can be imade much strengthen the plaintiff's case or weaken gined. The party went up under the escort of | that of the defendants, and then on the top of an armed body of soldiers, as pirates in the this I have this reference which was signed by Kuan Hau district have lately been very Mr. Dong Ting-kee. I cannot say that I was active and energetic. | elegrams have been | entirely satisfied with the way the plaintiff gave sent to Kwei Yuen, the rearest Telegraph Sta- | his evidence about this, but at the same time I must point out; it is an extremely serious thing to certify to the conduct of a master and to the reason for discharging him which is not entirely in accordance with the facts. Mr. Dong Ting-kee could have had this explained to him. He chooses to put his chop upon it on behalf of the Ching Dah ! teamship Company, as managing owner, without any such explanation being given to him. If he chooses to do that he must be held responsible at all events for what he has done. He might be recommending somebody who is entirely unfit for recommendation as a master and he might put a steamer or vessel into very considerable danger in consequence of giving recommendation which would induce the owner of that steamer to take an incompetent master. A man has no right to sight document of this kind like that, and I should assume under those circumstances—I think ought to assume—that this has no been signed in the absolutely half-hearted way which he says he signed it. At all events it was be must take the consequence of having done so and he has given his reason to discharging the plaintiff in consequence, of his requiring his services no longer as the ship, is for sale. Taking all the facts into consideration-although there were these, complaints and although they may, and probably did id. very great extent weigh with Mr. Dong Tings kee-I find that on the whole the disprissal was not justified. Then comes the question of damages and I must bear in mind the pasure of this vessel, of which there has been no evidence to show that the master, had been long in, the employ of this company, before. The plaintiff had only been in the service, a few months and under those circumstances 1 shall allow him \$500. \$250 is his monthly salary and he was engaged the first of the month and there is a certain amount left in December, so that I will allow him damages for January and

February and the remainder of December which comes to something like \$500. His Lordship added he might mention in this particular case brought to his notices that this vessel, which was not owned by an individual British subject, that it was acquestion whether it was entiled to be a British ship at all. He referred to section Is B. of the Mate chant Shipping Act which laid down that a Body Corporate must have its particular place of business at the place of registration land from the evidence before him it seemed to him. prima facie, that the pirticular place of pasition of this company might he Hong. kong but was in fact Shanghai. This was a matter which he should certainly have to bring to"the notice of the proper authority, namely, the Consul-General.

Mr. Jones having pointed out that the plaintiff Company had complied with the Hongkong Ordinances His Lordship said that this did not dig ? necessarily make the s.s. Culmore a British ship and after considering the question; he would centainly bring it to the notice of the Board of Trade.

THE PRIVENTION OF THE OPIUM HABIT.

The foll, wing Imperial decree dated Peking th inst appea a in the N. C. D. News; With reference to the memorial of the Minisowing to the great harm the dring does, to our people, we had already is und on a former accasion our decree that opium must be strick ly probibited and a certain limit of time allowfor the complete abolition of its use amongst After addresses by Counsel His Lordship de- the people, of the Empire, The memorialists advocate that, branches of the anti-opium The question as to whether this action is society be distributed as widely as possible and upon their subordinates the importance of doing were burnt, the most above odours pre- the extent of Vo. 14.813. Two companies the regenerating forces at work in the Rimpire. captain is entitled to notice. I think us in the matter, so that we may attend our valled in the neighbourhood during and after have issued debentures since January 4th, For they will have helped to produce a body, the general principle on which a man is greatest desire to protect from ham and alter the fire, much to the discomfort of residents the total amount of those debentures totalling of thinkers, who will lead the nation to action, entitled to some notice has not been in any, kindness to our subjects by stamping out any way controverted by the arguments which I deep-seated and dangerous habit.

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mariber superintendent but at the end of the same year he had an attack of pleurisy as the resultion exposure in the harbour during a savelergale and he was unable to recover his strengthing in the Spring of last year, as ftill was happarent Stliat he had fallen a victimanto consumption, he went to Colorado sennacional advice, but returned to Vokohama last November in a very critical state of boalth/19 In ecember he consequently lbft Kpbe for Egypt in the hope that the climate might afford him rolies. Captain Liddle was married in July, 1994, to Violet Alice, eld est daughter-ofems, and Mrs. H. J. Neville, and leaves whitele daughter. It is understood that Mrs. Liddle, with whom great sympathy will be telt, will return to Yokohama as soon sa possible.

THE COPPER MINE RIOTS.

SERIOUS DEVELOPMENT. TROOPS CALLED OUT.

According to the latest news the Ashicopper mine riot has developed into a very serious disturbance and of such a nature as to require the services of the troops to restore order. It appears that the strikers who remained quiet on Tuesday night, resumed their disorderly tactics on Wednesday morning. when the workers in the otoyama and Ariki pits were relieved. About 800 men who were to relieve the shift raided the Motoyama pit office, smashed the windows, carried out chairs and other furniture, and then set fire to them. The office staff, according to a vernacular paper, "all fled." The strikers then attacked the warehouses and specimen rooms, with a continual shower of stones. They also carried away all the provisions from the store-house, and ate their, fill when they falt inclined.

The strikers then formed into two bodies. one party proceeding to attack the store department office, where they wrought complete destruction, while the other party attacked the residence of Mr. Minami, head of the mine. practically destroying the house, and burning all the furniture. The strikers seized Mr. Minami, and severely assaulted him. A policesergeant who came to his assistance was also assaulted, being badly cut about the head.

The strikers then made their way to the ore. selection house, and having sprinkled kerosene around the building, set it on fire. Police officials came upon the scene, and succeeded in extinguishing the fire before much damage was done. The strikers were again peaceful at 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday, when this dispatch was sent out, but the bridge on the road to the Motoyama pit was closed by the police to prevent more men going to the scene of the

disturbance. Still later information states that the strikers. who attacked the house of Mr. Mina ni and the ore selection houses, crossed the bridge near, the Motoyama pit above referred to at about half past two on Wednesday afternoon. and made their way to the Shimonoseki mining office, which was completely destroyed by 6 p.m. The ribtels looted the store room and freely partook of a quantity of sake which was kept there. Under the influence of the drink. they set fire to the store-room, which was still. burning at the time this later disputch was forwarded. The medical officer at Motovama was attending to the injured men, a Red Cross flag being hoisted as a precaution against attack

Minami Sukematsu and five other leaders of the Shiseikai have been arrested on a charge of causing disorderly crowds to assemble. The news of the arrest of their leaders has, however. inflamed the strikers more than ever, and they were preparing to attack the police-station by night. The dispatch states that the police officials were prepared to retreat in the event of attack. A party of several hundred strikers were preparing to attack the police reinforce. ments, who were expected from Nikko, at the Hoso-o mountain pass.

A report has reached Ashio stating that a company of troops had been dispatched from the Takasaki egiment for the suppression of the disturbance, and that a force of police drawn from all the police-stations in Tochigi Presecture had been ordered to proceed to the mine.-Japan Chronicle.

CHINESE REPRESENTATION ABROAD.

The Chinese Government has established new laws for the Chinese legations abroad. called Legations of the First Class, In each of these six legations, there shall be one Minister of the first order, one counsellor of the third rank, two interpreters and two secretaries from the fifth and sixth ranks respectively. The Chinese legations at Vienna, Rome,

Bruselles and the Hague belong to the Second Class. For each of these four legations will be appointed a Minister of the second degree, from the fifth and sixth ranks respectively.

and Cuba have no Chinese legations, and diplomatic affairs with these countries are confided to the Chinese Ministers either to Lonan interpreter of the fifth and a secretary of the | pected that more than a very insignificant busisixth degrees shall be appointed in each of ness will be brought under notice.

these countries, in place of a full legation. General shall be assisted by an interpreter of also bring in its train a revival of prices, it i

lulu, Batavia, Yokobama, Kobe and Nagasaki, | bitter experiences, ventures to predict. At any Consuls of the fifth degree shall be appointed. The Chinese Vice Consulate at Penang shall be directed by a Vice Consul of the fifth degree. with an interpreter and secretary of the seventh grades: The monthly salaries of the Ministers and Consuls are as follows :--

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A New York despatch of Itth ult says :- Just after be redeived awknockout blow in a boxing bout hore: last night Charles Sinclair was are mested by the police at the linetance of the Federal authorities on a charge of being a de serter from Company, M. Thirtleth; mantry, United States army, The regiment is how stationed at Ft. Cook, Neb. but was in the Philippines when Sinclair, is alleged to bave de

serted in 1922 a month in its of the rolling of the police learned, that the alleged; descrior was, billed for, a go; with Tom Garry, a local heavyweight, and detectives, appeared, at the group during the second round . While the officers were deliberating as to which, of the punilists, was the man wanted. Garry gave Sin: clair an uppercut that put him out. When Singlair opened his eyes he was under arrest.

COMMERCIAL WEEKLY SHARE REPORT.

Reviewing the share business for the week Mossrs. E. S. Kadoorie & Co. write on the Ittl inst.;-There has been very little business during the week, owing to the intervention the China New Year holidays, and with the exception of Banks, Unious, and Hongkong

Fires there have not been any important changes to record. Banks,-Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have dropped to \$900 at which rate sales have taken place, the market closing with buyers

The London quotation is £108. Marine Insurances. Unions have advanced. to \$820 and are in demand. Cantons are

offering at \$295. ened, and have been sold at \$100. Hongkong Fires have buyers at the advanced rate of \$380. · Shipping .- Hongkong, Canton and Macao teamboats are quoted at \$30, ex the final dividend of \$1 per share paid on the 12th inst. Shell Transports have further improved, and can be placed at 37/6. Indos continue neglected at quotation. The other shipping stocks

are unchanged Refineries.-China Sugars have not fluctunied and are obtainable at \$120. Mining.-There are no changes in stocks

under this heading. Docks, Wharves and Godowns -- Kowloon Wharfs are steady at \$95. Hongkong and Whampon Docks can be had at \$140. Shanghai Docks have buyers at Tls. 107 and Hongkew Wharfs at Tls. 235 for the old, and \$225 for the ew shares.

Lands, Hotels and Bui'dings .- Hongkong Hotel have strengthened to \$123 at which rate shares have changed hands. Hongkong Lands nes weaker at \$107. Humphreys Estates have been sold and are wanted at \$11,20 ex the dividend of 80 cents per share paid on the 9th

Cotton Mills.-Ewos are in request at Tls. 75. Congkong Cottons can be placed at \$114. Internationals have improved to Tls. 64. I nou Kung Mows are weaker and are offering at Tis, 1321. A statement of the Company's accounts for the twelve months ending 31st December 1906, is issued to shareholders. In accordance with the resolution passed at the general meeting, the sum of Tls. 75,880,37 has been written off to depreciation account. Including the sum of Tis. 30,760,42 brought forward from last account the net profits for the year amount to Tls. 146,555.70 which the directors recommend be apportioned in the following manner To pay a dividend of Tls. 8 per share, which will absorb Tls, 57,264. To allow for depreciation of mill buildings, reservoir and land improvements, machinery, north property Chinese houses, and furniture, the sum of Tis. 51,385.48. To allow to per cent. commission for general managers, Tls. 6,441.48, and to carry forward the balance of Tla. 31,46 1.71 to next year's account. Soey Chees have buyers at Tis. 360. In their report ending December 31st, 1906, issued to shareholders, the general manager states that the net profits for that period, including Tls. 35,986 63 brought forward on ist January, 1905, amount to Tls. 232,021.42 which is proposed by the directors to be

dealt with as follows: To pay a dividend of Tis. 50 per share, absorbing, 7 is, 100,000. To write off for depreciation of machinery, furniture, and buildings, the total sum of Tis. 47.653.20. To place 11s. 9,801.74 to legal re erve fund. To reduce the book value of Mil Stores a/c by Tis. 3,025. o grant to per cent of the net profits to the manager, and one month's salary to the Mill staff, as a bonus, amounting to Tls. 20.878 and to carry forward

the balance of Tis. 52,633.40 to 1907 account. Miscellaneous - Ices have changed hands at \$250 and are in demand. , Sales of Creen Island Cements have been effected at \$214. Hongkong Electrics have been parted with a Sigh. angkats are strong at Tls. 2621; The report of the directors of this Company for the year ending 31st October, 1906, has been issued to shareholders. The profit and loss account after providing for the four interim dividends. equal to Tis 30 per share, paid to shareholders. and the sum of Tls. 300,000 written off various accounts, leaves a balance of Tis. 17,127.50.

YAKN MARKET.

In their report dated 8th inst., Messrs, Phirozsha ". Petit & Co. write:-Our last circular was duted the 25th January.

The legations to London, Paris, Berlin, St. review our yarn market ruled much the same Petersburg, Washington and Tokyo are to be as at date of last report. Most of the business recorded in to-day's circular transpired during the first week of the fortnight. Many of the transactions that have taken place are conditional upon clearances being made after the China New Year; this practice is according to precedents established under the old torm of

The absence of Chinese dealers from the local market within the past week is due to the one interpreter of the fifth, and two secretaries | fact that natives have a fet days since already retired into the country in anticipation of the At present Spain, Portugal, Peru, Mexico New Year festivities. The absence has brought about an almost absolute cossation of business. The New Year falls on the 13th inst., but it reality the holidays have already begun which, don or Washington. This, the Chinese Gov. it is expected, will last some ten days or so. ernment has found inconvenient, and in future | During the interval between now and the cona counsellor of the fourth degree, assisted by clusion of the festive season it cannot be ex-

The optimistic forecast is very generally in Mandarins of the fourth degree will be sent dulged in that, upon resumption of business, out to Singapore. Pretoria, San Francisco and, the off-take will be of so large an extent as to Seoul to act as Consuls-General for China in absorb practically half of the present holdings. these places. Fach of these four Consules that whether the prognosticated activity will the sixth and a secretary of the seventh de- difficult to tell, since the question of silver exchange operates as a positively uncertain ele For the cities of New York, Manile, Hong- | ment and as to whose course no one, from past rate the hope is entertained that some improve ment will set in in the near future not alone it the interests of importers but to the benefit of Chinese dealers to whom in general and to our ! A HONOLULU despatch of 4th inst. says :- J.

opportunity of wish nk-No. 201.-A very mo erate business is reported at a concession of \$1 to \$1 per bale. | puted to have made after his return to China No. 16s, On'y one thread changed hands, thirteen years ago, got back by the Copile. It No. 174. Not in much favour ; business dons is understood that his mission was fruitless, is in selected threads only.

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Billett (Comparation of Line Com United Stanting Pollpani I Stocks-About 128,000 bales. Exchange :--- We quote, to day, as under !--India T. T. 144 at Rs. 165 per cent.

nouling the state of the state Sh. 2.2 11/16d.=5. "London' TIT Demand 2.2 4d.=\$.. Shanghai Tls. 73=\$100. 31 9.16d. per oz. Silver

Writing under same date. Mesers. Cawasjee. Pallanjee and Co. teport:-Our las report was dated the arth ultmo per s.s. Arcadia, since when the yarn market has been fairly active. In consequence of the near approach of the China New Year country buyers are now returning to the interior and there being but few doalers left in the market business is at a complete standstill. ... Supplies have been at present on a very limited scale but owing to the impatience of holders to realize a decline of \$1 per bale in prices has taken. place. We close quiet but steady. Nos. 6s. and 8s .-- Trifling business at quotations. No. | rounding the outbreak. The fire was caused 101.-Well known desirable spinnings have by sparks descending through the chimney been largely dealt in at previous rates. No. while the occupants of the first floor were pre-121.- A small business in special chops at or about late rates. No. 165.- In very small request No. 205.—Sales have been confined to directly under the chimney.

superior desirable spinnings at former rates. Sales during the past fortnight comprise of SHORTLY before two o'clock this morning (12th 205.1 in all about 4,335 bales. Arrivals per 3,000 bales. Shipment to Shanghai and Northern Ports of about 15,000 bales. The unsold stock is estimated at about 110,000

t ocal Yarn:—No business is reported. Japanese Yarn:-Importations have ceased and only a small lot of 70 bales 1 o. 20s. has changed hands at \$134. Exchange :-- We quote to-day on India at

Rs. 1651%. London at 2/2 11/16.

FREIGHT MARKET.

9th inst.:-The formight under review has per cent (making fourteen per cent for the again been a lively one and a large amount of chartering has been accomplished chiefly owing | shares (two months at (?) per cent annum) Tle. to the demand from Baigon for this port and Canton having been sustained. It has also extended to neighbouring coast ports, whilst for Northern China ports and apan inquiries | per share. have fallen off.

Concerning business for the North, some lapanese boats are reported closed Saigon to part S.C. Japan at about 27 cents, the only fixture locally that we have heard of in that direction is of a steamer 4.0:0 tons end of March early April, at 29 cents. Saigon to Ningpo and and Shanghal, March, a steamer is reported done at 28 cents, and it is believed that further similar business has been done and has not been reported. Saigon to Tientsin, two further charters reported for March loading at 35 cents, this on basis of lighterage to be paid by charterers and the latter to guarantee despatch. Saigon to this port, a very large business

lone,-some 20 steamers, aggregating some 15,000 tons cargo,-principally on basis of 15 cents per picul, 2 cents extra if to Canton, a lower rate for very prompt and for larger size boats. The market closes somewhat quieter. Saigon to Swatow: An inquiry resulted in everal fixtures at rates that have varied very

much. We have heard of business at 18 cents. 2 cents, and 22 cents, and it is believed that subsequently a charter has resulted at 19 cents. Saigon to Amoy: "A charter reported at 25 Sa gon to Foochow: A fixture on private

these quarters have been conspicuous by their absence. No fixture reported during the fortnight. It is stated that the price of rice in

Saigon at present is prohibitive to business. + angoon -- Inquiries after tonnage for Japan continue to reach this market, 14 to 15 shillings per ton lately named, yet no business appears to have transpired locally. Rangoon to Amoy, second half Feb., there has been a fixture of a boat of about 1.800 tons at 40 cents Mexican. Bangkok:-A" charter is reported Bangkok

prompt, 25/18 cents. this port and Japan, and some fixtures may result shortly. Whilst we write, German s.s. Germania, about 3,000 tons d. w., has been fixed for the former requirement.

the North:-Business up North continues very slack. River freights, there are none. Coal freights from Japan to this declining, quoted at about \$1.10 to \$1.00 per ton, latest local business at \$1.00 Moji or Wakamatzu to Canton charters at \$1.80/\$1.70.

Moji to Swatow :- A charter at \$1.40. On monthly terms there are some inquiries, actual business there does not appear to have heen any yet.

The number of Norwegian vessels employed out East has been further reduced by the s.s. Tholms having accepted a freight from Rau-During the first part of the fortnight under goon to Gothenburg, prompt. Sail tonnage loading or to load :- For Baltimore and/or New York:-Amer. ship E. B. Sutton, 1,639 tons, arrived from Haiphong,

> atst December. Sail-tonna e Disengaged:-None, Departures of Sailers :- None.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

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esteemed constituents in particular we take this M. Riggs, one of the sons-in-law of the late Chan Along, who went to China in the interest HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR, of some of the heirs, to learn what chance there was to get some of the millions Afong is rethough he will ery little about it,

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from Yokobuma in a crippled condition, having encountered a terrific gale in the Pacific THE Chinese Engineering and Mining Co. idial output of the Company's three mines to the week ending 26th Jan., 1907, amounted to 21,804.20 tons and the sales during the period to 19,560,74 tons.

Ir is announced in the Gazette that the Imperial Service Order shall, by His Majesty the King's direction, rank immediately after the Distinguished Service Order, and before the Fifth Class of the Royal Victorian Order.

l'ANG Sang, a coolie, employed in an India grocer's shop at No. 37; Elgin Road, Kowloon was found guilty at the Police Court, on the 12t inst, of stealing one pound of butter, the proparty of his employer. J. A. Shroff. The coolie had concessed the butter in his pocket and was about to leave the shop when the theft was discovered. Mr. Melbourne sentenced him to fourteeen days' hard labour.

In reference to the fire which occurred in rattan furniture godown in Bullock Lane, Wanchai, on the morning of 11th inst., it is stated that there are no suspicious circumstances surparing their morning meal, and setting alight a bundle of ration goods which were stored

about 30 bales of No. 6s.; 5 bales of o. 8s.; inst.) the policeman on duty in Gage Street heard Fire Insurances.—China Fires have strength- 2.155 bales of No. 105.; 670 bales of No. 125.; a noise while passing house No. 44. He started 100 bales of No. 16s; and 1,375 bales of No. to investigate and with his bull's-eye lantern saw two men huddled together hiding behind steamers Namsang, Delhi and Capri of about the street door. They were asked to give an account of themselves, but as they failed they were removed to the Central Police Station and charged with being rogues and vagabonds They were arraigned before Mr. C. A. D Melbourne, this morning, at the Police Court, and sentenced to fourteen days' hard labour

> Ar the annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Shanghai Gas Company, I.d., to be held on the 28th instant; the directors will recommend the following appropriation for final dividend and bonus for the year 1906;-Mesers, Lamke and Rouge report under date | Final dividend on 16,000 old shares at seven year) £3.50 per share; Dividend on 7,954 new 1.15 per share: Bonus for one year on 16,000 old shares at Tis. 1.50 per share; Bonus for two months on 7,954 new shares at Tls. 0.25

> > NOTWITHSTANDING the number of previous convictions that have been recorded recently against the Peak night soil coolies for dumping the contents of their buckets on the hillside and in drains, there does not appear to be any abatement of the nuisance and unless some stringent step, other tuan a fine, is, taken against the contractor one cannot see how the matter can be stopped, Nai Shun, one of these coolies, of No. 9. Upper Lascar Row, admitted before Mr. F. H. Hazeland, at the Police Court, this morning, that at five o'clock this morning he lightened his buckets in a drain near No. 122, Plantation Road. He was fined \$15.

IT is stated that the proposal to establish a race-course near Kobe, which is being put forward by a Syndicate with which several foreigners, are said to be connected, is making salisfactory progress. It has been decided that the capital shall be Y.500,000, in shares of Y.100 each, and a site covering an area of 180,000 tsubo has been selected at Naruo village, Muko district. It is intended that races shall be held twice yearly, in April and of the difficulty. October. According to the present plans, stands to accommodate about 2,400 people are Saigon to Philippines:-- Usual inquiries from to be erected. There will also be a special stand for members of the Imperial family.

LAST munth Messenger No. 1634 of the Postal Telegraph Company, New York, the World says, found an envelope containing \$7,000 in gold notes and \$60,000 in cheques and drafts lying on the sidewalk at the corner of Broad and Wall streets, where J. Plerpont Morgan's office is located. It belonged to Morgan and the boy took it into the office. On Jan. 11 ha received this note: " Dear Sir-In reward for to this to natives of a handy-sized steamern your honesty, I take great pleasure in handing you \$2, with the compliments of the firm. Java:-Tonnage could be placed both for Cashier, J. P. Morgan & Co.". The boy returned the \$2 with a note, saying: "Take this back and tell Mr. Morgan to get a shave with it."

" WANTONLY and cruelly illitreating a pig." Station, who made the arrest, spoke as to seeing the accused carrying a sucking pig by the ears yesterday afternoon. Accused was going in the direction of the slaughter house, and the squealing of the pig could be heard a long. way off. Accused made no attempt to deny the charge. The pig had to be taken to the slaughter house. It was young and frisky! Try how he would he could not get hold of its legs; the easiest way then was by its cars and he did so, he said. A fine of \$2 was imposed.

Company was awarded the bid, and the in- The damage is covered by insurance. spectors have been detailed to Stockton for of this flour is said to be far superior to any that appreciate it from that point of view.

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THE CONSTRUCTION of the first-class Aimoured I ATA meeting of seatholders and subscribers craiser, to be named Russiana, now being built (St. John Cathedral, held on the see the at Yokosuka, in progressing apace. The deck following were elected lay members of the is now being placed in position, and it is ex- Church Body, for the year 1907 1- The House pecied that the cruiser will be launched about the middle of April next

AT meeting of the directors of the Shanghai and Mr. E. Ormiston. Mr. J. C. Peter was Sumatra Tobacco Co. Ld., held on the 9th | elected auditor. instant it was decided to recommend to the shareholders at the approaching annual meeting that a final dividend of thirty per cent. making fifty per cent for the year, should be declared, and that I is, 25,000 should be placed to a special works fund."

THE new brass musical instruments especially ordered from France for the Portuguese Co. Shanghai Volunteer Corps, have arrived and are now distributed. The members are practising hard in order to be able to participate in the coming annual inspection parade. band will be under the direction of Mr. P. da Silve, who has been appointed bandmaster.-N. C. D. News.

THE beggar element, it is noticeable, has been more in evidence in the Settlement of late than is desirable remarks the N. C. D. News. If its presence is to be connected with the acute distress prevailing in other, parts of the Province, it would be well that the possibility of a sudden influx of poverty-stricken Chicase in our midst were contemplated by the authorities and steps taken to deal with it.

THE following officers of the Royal Marines have been ordered to embark in the Shartlate for passage to China: Capt. H. A. Jones, R.M.L.I to King Alfred, for intelligence duties at Singapore, Lieuts, C. R. Mullins, R.M.L.I., to Tamar, for ordinary duty and for duty as Musketry Instructor at Hongkong; C. P. Jer- In view of the number of gambling raids axram. R.M.L.I., to Tamar. R. G. Cheesman, R.M.L.I., to King Alfred, for Wireless Telegraphy duties on China Station.

THE Chinese Central Government has decided to appoint the Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents of the Ministry of War to be 'Inspectors. General of the Imperial forces of the Empire. The two Vice-Presidents will in turn each year make a tour of inspection and now that each day sees more railway lines in construction throughout the country a tour of inspection like the foregoing should not be a difficult nor expensive task.

THE arduous duties of the police during the past week have received recognition in the columns of the public Press. While they have | der the gambling laws. been plaised for the excellent manner order has been maintained and the traffic regulated, Inspector Collett and his men in charge of traffic arrangements at Ko Shing Theatre on the 6th inst. have carried out their duties in a manner thoroughly satisfactory to the public in general and to the members of the Chinese Reception Committee in particular.

IT is stated owing to the unexpectedly large number of ship owners applying to join the Nippon Kisen Kaisha (the Japan S.S. Company), it has been decided to increase the proposed capital from Y to 200,000 to Y30,000,000, Ithas also been resolved to purchase five freight vessels to be used in addition to the vessels provided by the members of the Shipowners Union. It is expected that the tonnage of the vessels offered to the Kaisha will shortly reach 200,000

A TOXIO despute of 5th inst. to the N. C. D. News states :- It is announced on reliable authority that the Washington Government is in consultation with the Japanese Government regarding the restriction of Inpanese immigrants into Hawaii. The immigrants, it pointed out, make these islands a hulf-way house to facilitate their entry into America. is thought that the two Governments will agree upon mutual restrictions as the easiest solution

AT the Magistracy, this afternoon (11th inst.), Mr. F. A. Hazeland presiding as Coroner and a jury. held an inquiry into the circumstances touching the death of one Chan Yuv, a prisoner in Victoria Gaol, which event took place on Saturday last. The deceased was arrested on Friday night to gether with other men on a charge of being a roque and vagabond. He was sentenced to fifteen days' hard labour. His death followed a few hours later. Evidence was called, and a verdict of death from natural causes was returned.

IT is reported that the Tuchiou or Ministry of Finance will, after the return of H.R. Chen from his tour of investigation of currency matters of the various provinces, adopt the following reforms regarding the silver and copper currency of the Empire:-(1) the coinage of one-taol silver pieces of a uniform standard was the charge against Hu Luk, a cattle (2) the change of the Hupu (the former Minisdealer, at the Police Court, this moining iry of Revenue) characters on copper coins to Police Bergeant Aris, of Kennedy Town Police | thiese of the Tuchipu (the Ministry of Finance) (3) the acceptance of copper as well as i silver coins in making payments of taxes; and (4) the establishment of more banks and the issuance of bank-notes throughout the country.

A FIRE, which did damage to \$300 worth of rattan furniture, broke out in the kround floor of No. 2. Bullock Lane, Wanchah a twostoreyd building, shortly before o sim-on the 11th inst. The ground floor was used as a godown for storing rattan goods, the property of one Wong Lam Po, of No. 16, Queen's THE 600,000 pounds of flour purchased by the | Road Central. The alarm was given by a American National Red Cross Society for lukong, who was on duty in that locality, and Ching was shipped on the Coptic and consigned, the fire engil e from No. 2 Police tation was to the United States Consul General at Shang- | quickly on the scene, The fire-fighters, with hai. Major Charles R. Krauthoff was come two lengths of hose, confined the fiames to the missioned by the Society to do the purchasing, | ground floor, after a hard tussle. The floor and he received bids from the various milling | above, a private dwelling bouse, escaped incompanies about the Coast. The Sperry Flour Jury. The origin of the fire is not known

examination of the flour and oversee its | "THE Chinese New Year is at hand and general condition for shipping. The quality have no fine clothes to wear-which is a shame and a disgreen quoth Tong I to himself; the Chinese have ever used or seen, and there | "What to do?" Now Tong knew a thing or is some doubt as to their being able fully to two, and one of the things he knew was that during the Chinese New Year the theatres produce their best plays, and the performers THE following match was contested at Tai don their finest robes. "There then," said Tong, "there is where I must seek my New Year's coat." In accordance with this brilliant idea Tong went quietly into the actors' quarters at the Chung Hing Theatre at 6 o'clock this morning (12th inst.), and finding the tired rehearsers resting fast asleep, he proceeded to investigate the contents of the "wardrobe." In a box he discovered just the very thing he wanted-a fine long silk cost of brilliant hue. That was all ong wanted so selsing a lamp from the wall to light him on whis way out, he made for the exit. And that is just where he. made his fatal mistake. The moving light in the theatre at that hour attricted the attention of a lukong, and as Tong sneaked furtively out of the promises with the coat under bis arm, the lukong pounced upon him and took him in charge. It matters not now what his New! Year's costume may be-velvat or rage-for Printed and Published by Joan Panto after completing a four hours' exposure in the BRAGA, for The Hongkong, Tolegraph Come pillory, he has to-day entered upon a three pany, Limited, at the Printing Office of the weeks residence in His Majesty's Hotel, by Company, No. 1, Ice House Road, in the City order of Mr. F. A. Haseland, Chief Magistrate, of Victoria, Hongkong.

Did. M. Atkinson, Mr. W. Armstrong, Mr. A. Bryer (honorary secretary), Dr. Francia Clark (honorary treasurer) Mr. G. Hastings

"CARELESS driving and causing bodily harm to a servant boy, Lo Tim, tesiding at No. 48, Staupton Street," was the charge against Chan Pan, ricksha coolie, No. 2087, at the Police Court, this morning (12th inst.). The accident took place in Queen's Road Central, at five o'clock yesterday afternoon. Complainant was returning from the barrar and walking in the middle of the road, when accused dashed across the road with his ricksha, expecting a fare. The comi plainant could not clear in time and the wheel of the ricksha passed over his right foot, wevere ly bruising it. Mr. Melbonroe fined the defendant one dollar.

RETURNS of the average amount of Bank notes in circulation and of specie in reserve in Hongkong, during the month ended stat January, 1907, as certified by the managers of the Trespective Banks.

Average Specie in Banks. Amount. Reserve.

Chartered Bank of India. Australia and China \$3,264,706 \$2,300,000 Hongkong and Shanghai

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ccuted by the police during the past week, the coolies in this city, who love a game of chance, are having a rather, exciting time. No sooner have they opened a new gambling dive than the police informers are at work and a raid follows ere they have had a chance to get accustomed to the new premises. Word resched the police in the Central district on Saturday night (oth inst.) to the effect that a new kambling house had beed opened at No. 5, Cheung Hing Street. Inspector Ritchie got together a body of men right away and started out to investigate. The investigation resulted in the Canture of fourteen men, and the seizure of a set of gambling paraphernalia. The men were lined up before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, at the Police Court, this morning, and fined un-

TWENTY-nine gamblers were arrested in the Central and Western districts last evening (8th inst.). Eleven men hailed from "o. 109. Wellinge ton Street (Detective Sergeant Murison the proinoter of the raid), and the remaining eighteen from No. 30, First treet. In the latter raid, which was under charge of Sergeant Kendall, the main object was to locate a band of crooks. who, it was said, were, in the habit of victime ising people at West Point. The information, received by the police was no doubt correct. for a number of knives commonly used by pickpockets were found and seized, but owners ship could not be proved. The inmates of the house were, however, caught playing what appeared to be poker and every man jack was arrested. They were arraigned before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, this morning, charged with violar ting the gambling laws and were all fined,

"I HAVE no money at the Sallors Home," said G. H. Wilkinson, an unemployed seaman, after he had been fined 57 at the Police Court this morning (oth inst.). "I have some in the bank (showing a bank book) but I can't get it from here. Take this instead he said produce ling a draft which he handed to the inspec-"That's a draft for your mother, isn't asked the inspectors " Well." he continued, "we won't take it." Wilkinson. was charged with behaving in a disorderly manner whilst drunk in Arbuthnot Road last night. A further charge of asseult could have been added but the complainant would not prefer the charge. The defandant was seen staggering along the road last night At the back of the inspector's quarters he was seen to assault a Parsee gentleman for no reason whatever. He was arrested, but the Parsee refused to lay charge, against him. A constable accompanied accused to the Hongkong Bank later in the day where sufficient money was drawn to pay his fine.

"SNATCHERS" are still to the fore is the Western district, it would appear, and one of them got summary justice for carrying on his "profession "on the arthinst. A Chinese widow. residing at to. Cochrane Street, went with her amah, it appears, to a goldsmith's shop in Queen's Road Central, to purchase a gold ear-pick. She finally selected one to suit beri and paid \$2 for it. The two women then left the shop, but had not gone more than ten wards. away, when a Chinaman, who had evidently been watching the transaction through the shop window, rushed up behind her, and spatching the ear-pin, which, according to custom, who woman had stuck in the back of her hair. bolted. Fortunately, he was seen by an Indian constable and a lukong. Who at once gave chase and soon secured their Quarry. He is another who will snand his New Yoar within the walls of Victoria Gael, when he has completed bis four hours' stock exposure, as when he was placed before Mr. F. A. Hazeland on the rath he was found guilty, and condemned to six weeks' hard labour and four hours' stocks,

FRAUDULENT emigration is still being carried on in this Colony to a large extent. Although some very beavy penalties have been inflicted by the Court on the parties found guilty of committing a breach of the emigration, laws, there appears to be no reduction in the number of cases of this sort that have had to be settled at the Police Court lately. Boarding house keepers and runners are the greatest of fenders. They know, for it is mentioned on their papers, that before an emigrant is allowed to set foot out of this Colony be must, be kept in the boarding house for a certain period (forty-sight hours) in order that he should be examined and passed as !! fit " by the emigration officers yet this law is broken time and again, sometimes twice by the same person. At the Police Court, this morning (9th inst. Yau Lam, a runner, in a boarding house at No 27, Connaught Road West, pleaded guilty to this offence " escorted a hawker on board the steamer Man Same yesterday before allowing him to go through all the formalities order ed by the law. Sergeant Grant was up to time and took both men to the Central Police Station. A fine of \$50 was imposed by Maria Melbourne. Another person Trang Shul Chung, a boarding house keeper of No. 20 Wing Lok, treet-who was alleged to have committed a similar offence, was discharged by the Court. He was defended by Mr. Otto Kong